

Group Conversation Guide

Week of July 30

SERIES: Ordinary People, Acts of God
TITLE: It's Not About You
Scripture: Acts 16:25–33

BEFORE YOUR MEETING

- Watch or attend this week's message from Church at Viera:
<https://churchatviera.com/live/>

BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION (ICEBREAKER)

- Have you ever been through something hard that God later used for something good?

STUDY TOGETHER

When Life Feels Unfair, Remember Who Is King

Read **Acts 16:25–26**

Paul and Silas were beaten, imprisoned, and suffering because they followed Jesus. Yet their response was to pray and worship.

- Why do you think Paul and Silas were able to worship even while suffering?
- How does focusing on Jesus instead of our circumstances change the way we handle difficult seasons?

God Can Use Your Pain for Someone Else's Purpose

Read **Acts 16:27–28**

The earthquake opened the prison doors, but Paul and Silas stayed. Sometimes God uses our hardest moments to reveal His hope to someone else.

- Why do you think Paul and Silas stayed instead of escaping?
- Who might be watching how you respond during difficult seasons?
- Has God ever used something you are walking through to encourage or help someone else?

People Are Watching the Hope We Have

Read **Acts 16:29–34**

The jailer had been listening to Paul and Silas pray and worship. Their hope was visible before he ever asked about it.

- What do you think the jailer noticed about Paul and Silas?
- Why is the way we respond to suffering often a greater testimony than what we say?

It's Not About Escaping Life. It's About Everlasting Life

Paul and Silas were not focused on escaping prison. They were focused on bringing someone to Jesus.

It's not about me. It's about what God is doing through me.

- How is this different from the way our culture often views life?
- How would your outlook change if you believed God was working even through the rough times?

Leading Others Through Faith

Paul's faith impacted an entire household. The jailer and his family believed, and were baptized.

Men - Lead by:

- ❖ Loving sacrificially
 - ❖ Serving your wife
 - ❖ Praying over your family
 - ❖ Bringing your family to church
 - ❖ Showing humble hope during hard times
 - ❖ Modeling confession and submission to correction
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- What should spiritual leadership look like today?
 - How can we lead better in your home, workplace, or relationships?

Living as Followers of Jesus

- ❖ Trust God when life is difficult
 - ❖ Worship even when circumstances are painful
 - ❖ Look for opportunities to encourage others
 - ❖ Live with a hope that points people to Jesus
 - ❖ Remember that God's purpose is bigger than our comfort
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- Which of these areas do you sense God inviting you to grow in?

WORSHIP TOGETHER

- **Available - Elevation Worship** <https://youtu.be/D2RISTDzAPs?si=CQ0owwuxoJkrgLOz>

PRAYER TOGETHER

Pray for:

- A deeper trust that Jesus is King over every circumstance.
- The ability to worship God even during difficult seasons.
- Eyes to see how God can use our struggles for His purposes.
- Courage to live with visible hope that points others to Jesus.