



Small Group

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

### KICKOFF

It's officially fall - what is one of your favorite things about this season?

### SUMMARY

This weekend Pastor Frank taught a message entitled “Open Doors”. We saw how the Holy Spirit closed a couple of doors for Paul and his team, only to then open another door. We learned five valuable lessons about open doors.

Read Acts 16:1-15

### APPLICATION

#### 1. Open doors often open after other doors close

- Read Acts 16:6-7 and then put yourself in Paul, Silas, and Timothy's place. What do you think they were feeling when the Holy Spirit “closed the doors” for them?
- Talk about a “door” in your life that you desire to be open, but it has remained closed.

#### 2. Open doors can follow closed doors for others

- Read Acts 15:36—16:3. After the door closed for Barnabas and John Mark to travel with Paul, the door opened for Silas and Timothy to join him. What does this teach you about how much God really needs us to accomplish His work?

#### 3. Open doors require more faith and cost us more

- Let's jump ahead and read Acts 16:19-24. What happened to Paul and Silas as a result of walking through an open door?
- Why do we tend to believe that if God would just open a door for us, our lives will get easier?
- Have you ever walked through an open door that ended up costing you more than you anticipated?

#### 4. Open doors come when *The Door* is our main goal (John 10:7)

- Read Matthew 6:33. What (or Who) are we to focus on our lives on? What will be the result?
- If finding an “open door” has become your main goal, what do you need to do to make Jesus central?

#### 5. Open doors come as go

- When closed doors come, you can either kick them down or continue to walk by faith. Read Acts 16:6-10 again and discuss what Paul and his partners did.
- Are there any “closed doors” that you are trying to kick down? If so, how can you walk by faith instead?

### PRAYER

Pray that we would seek the Lord as we patiently wait for Him for to open the right doors for us.

