



Small Group

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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

### KICKOFF

What is one thing from this past week that you want to praise God for?

### SUMMARY

This weekend Pastor Frank taught a message from Acts 16:35-17:9 entitled, “When His Kingdom Comes”. In this passage we looked at how Paul and Silas were released from prison for preaching the gospel, only to then take the gospel to Thessalonica. Although many believed in Thessalonica, others were outraged. From this message, we learned 5 truths about what happens when God’s kingdom comes.

#### When His Kingdom Comes....

##### 1. Men realize there’s nothing random about them

- Read Acts 16:37-38. Although Paul was Jewish, what other piece of “random” information do you learn about him from these verses? Why is that “random” information actually quite significant?
- How have you seen God use something “random” in your life for good?

##### 2. Men respond to adversity and mistreatment in an entirely different way

- Read Acts 16:22-24. Paul and Silas could have avoided this brutality had they informed the magistrates that they were Romans. Why do you think they didn’t defend themselves?
- How do you tend to respond when you’re treated unfairly? How can you become more like Jesus in this area?

### APPLICATION

##### 3. Men have ears to hear

- Read Acts 17:1-4. What happened as a result of Paul teaching the scriptures?
- Can you share from your own life how you were “persuaded” (to follow Jesus, to repent of sin, etc.) after hearing the scriptures explained?
- Is there anyone in your life who you are praying for to hear the truth of God’s word and respond?

##### 4. Men will use the Word of God

- Read Acts 17:2. How did Paul persuade these people to believe in Jesus?
- How can you grow in your ability to use the Word of God when witnessing to unbelievers?

##### 5. The real motives of our hearts will be revealed

- Read Acts 17:5-9. What was going on in the hearts of the Jews who did not believe in Jesus?
- In what areas of life do you tend to have envy? How can you rely on the Lord to help you overcome?

### PRAYER

Pray for wisdom, strength, and power to live out these truths this week.

