

Success Can Hurt

Paul, Acts 16:16-34

November 10, 2019

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - What is an achievement or moment of success you have been proud of?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. What scripture passage, story, or idea from Sunday's message stands out to you?
(Encourage group members to look at the notes on the program or app)
3. **Drew shared two sources of opposition to the Gospel.**
 - To the message itself.
 - To the change it produces.
 - How have you seen or experienced either of these sources of opposition?
 - What changes does the Gospel bring that people find offensive?
4. Where have you experienced opposition to your faith?
5. What do you think most non-Christians tend to be more offended by, the approach Christians use to share the message, or the message they share?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app.

6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:23.
 - What about the Gospel is a stumbling block or foolishness to people?
 - Did you ever find the Christian message to be foolish or offensive? What changed your perspective?
7. Read Acts 16:16-34.
 - What can we learn from Paul and Silas' response to the opposition they faced?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

8. Who would you like to share your faith with but are nervous you may offend?
9. How can you share your faith differently in light of this sermon?