

SERMON NOTES

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

ACTS 16:25-34

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

SENIOR PASTOR

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IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: ACTS 16:25-34

What testimony from the baptism celebration service impacted you the most? Why?

INFORM THE HEAD/STIR THE HEART

Please read Acts 16:25-34 and answer the following questions:

1. Please explain the circumstances. Why were Paul and Silas in prison (see verses 16-23).

2. What was it about Paul and Silas that would have shocked you in light of their circumstances?

3. Why do you think the prisoners didn't try to escape when given the chance?

4. This passage says that the jailer's household believed and were baptized. What do you think they saw that convinced them to put their trust in Jesus?

5. How would you personally answer the questions we ask when someone is baptized?

a. Have you admitted you're a sinner, believed that Jesus rose from the dead for your forgiveness, and confessed Jesus as your Lord?

b. How and when did that happen?

c. What is one thing the Lord is doing in your life since coming to know Him?

d. Bonus: What is one thing about the Lord that blows you away?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned in Sunday's message and in your study time, what is one measurable thing you will go after this week in your walk with Christ?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, Sept. 21 // Psalm 100

Make a Joyful Noise

Tuesday, Sept. 22 // John 10:7-18

Follow the Good Shepherd

Wednesday, Sept. 23 // Philippians 4:1-9

Rejoice in the Lord

Thursday, Sept. 24 // Philippians 4:10-20

Let Jesus Be Your Strength

Friday, Sept. 25 // 1 Thess 2:13-14, 2 Cor 3:16-18

Faithful Fire