



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18 & 19, 2025 | PRAYERS THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

As a church, we believe God is calling us to become a house of prayer, and that starts with each one of us. Join us as we read powerful prayers throughout the month of October from the Bible and engage in meaningful prayer experiences each week.

DISCUSS

In Acts 16, Paul and Silas, guided by the Holy Spirit, travel to Macedonia and meet Lydia, whose heart God opens to the gospel. In Philippi, they cast a spirit from a fortune-telling slave girl, angering her owners, who have Paul and Silas beaten and imprisoned.

Read Acts 16: 25-34

- *How did Paul and Silas respond after being beaten and thrown in jail? What can we learn from their faith in difficult times?*
- *Why do you think it was significant that they were praying around midnight? How does this encourage you to pray even in dark or challenging seasons?*
- *Paul and Silas worshiped publicly, and the other prisoners were listening. How can our worship or actions impact those around us?*
- *Verse 28 shows they cared about the jailer more than their own freedom. How can we care for people spiritually and practically in our own lives?*
- *How does this story encourage you to pray with expectation, trusting God's timing and power even when it doesn't make sense?*

Paul led the jailer to faith in Jesus right from a prison cell. In the same way, you can guide someone in this simple prayer to invite Jesus into their life (have them repeat after you): Jesus, I know I'm a sinner in need of a Savior. I believe you died on the cross for my sins and rose again so I could have eternal life. I invite you now to come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRAYER EXPERIENCE (15-20 minutes)

As a group, take turns praying for someone in your life who doesn't yet know Jesus and needs to experience His love and salvation. On your turn, you'll speak the leader portion aloud with the name of your person, and then everyone will join together in reading the group response.

Leader: *Lord, today we lift up (name) to You. You know their story, their struggles, and exactly where they are right now. We ask that You meet them in a way only You can.*

Group (together): *We ask that You draw them to Yourself, open their heart to know Your love, and reveal the truth of who You are. Let Your Spirit pursue them with grace and transform their life with Your saving power. Amen.*