

## **LESSON 3: ACTS 16:1-40**

### **The Jerusalem Council and Its Aftermath**

1. In what sense is the Holy Spirit, the “Spirit of Jesus” (v. 7)? What does this tell you about the nature of God?
2. What is the charge against Paul and Silas (vv. 16-24)? What customs wouldn’t a Roman accept or practice? Is the charge accurate or trumped up?
3. Why do Paul and Silas spend the night “praying and singing hymns to God” (v. 25)? Is this any way to meet a personal crisis?
4. Rather than flee captivity through an event that would seem to happen through God’s grace, what other opportunity do Paul and Silas seize (vv. 26-34)? From this example, what comes first in life?
5. When the father in a family accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, is it fair that “all the rest of the family” must do so as well (v. 33b)?
6. How do Paul and Silas deal with the Roman officials in Philippi (vv. 35-39)? What principles in dealing with authority do their actions suggest to you?