

# PREACHING CURRICULUM



## FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD ACTS 16:6-40

*"Seek the Lord's guidance and let Him use and bless you in keeping with His loving plan."*

### 1

#### REVIEW THE SERMON

When we follow God's leading He teaches us how tough times produce meaningful results. What are the four lessons God teaches us when we follow His leading? \_\_\_\_\_

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How were the apostles humbly open to the leading of the Spirit and God's redirection? Or said another way, how did obedience to God's leading give them strength to take the hard path over the easy one? \_\_\_\_\_

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The Apostles were both strategic/deliberate AND open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. How did a refusal to sit on their hands and an openness to following God's leading serve to spread the Gospel to some unlikely people? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What is God doing in your life to prepare you for a more difficult ministry assignment? In what areas of your life should you move away from 'ease'? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is often the correlation between hard ministry and abundant harvest? Or, how have hard times helped to produced something beautiful in the ministries God has called you too? What has been the outcome when you didn't follow God's lead in ministry? (Think of personal examples) \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you handle disappointments in ministry? How have detours lead you to a new path or outlook for ministry? How have you put your trust in God's plan for your life even when it is not obvious and can be very difficult? \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPLY THE TRUTH

How do we recognize the lesson in the text that God's plan isn't always obvious or easy? How does this change our understanding of how God uses the hard times to refine us and shape us for ministry today? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is it so difficult to 'wait upon God'? What has been the benefit of this in the ministries you've involved in? How does obedience to God's leading give you strength to take the hard path over the easy one? \_\_\_\_\_

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When have you gone through something difficult and felt abandoned by God? (Vs.24) What is the takeaway of Paul and Silas after this ordeal or why did they respond in worship? How does this and example show us that obedience can lead to the Gospel reaching those that we don't expect to hear it? \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMIT THIS WEEK

How can you set yourself up this week to stand firm in your calling even through the difficulties of ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

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