



## Small Group Discussion Guide

### January 15, 2017

#### Sermon Title:

"Share Jesus . . . in Worship"

**Sermon Text:** Acts 16:22-34

**Scripture Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17

**Leader:** *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

**Getting Started:** Share about a unique or especially moving worship experience you have experienced. What made it unique or so moving?

#### Discussion:

1. **Does not require a specific time** (v 25). Why do we pay so much attention to time as it relates to worship (convenient time, starting time, ending time)? Do you have a regular practice of worship at a non-traditional time?
2. **Does not require a specific method** (v 25). Paul and Silas sang hymns and prayed, very simple. Are there elements that just "make" your worship? Are there elements that "interrupt" your worship? Is there really a right or wrong way? (see John 4:24)
3. **Does not require a specific location** (vs 23-24). What is the intended function of dedicated worship spaces? Congregations invest a lot in facilities to house worship, but are they necessary? What makes worship experiences outside of church buildings unique and special?
4. **Does not require a specific circumstance** (v 23). We often think of worship as a happy or joyful expression. Have you been driven to worship as a result of some negative circumstance? Why do we not instinctively worship when things go wrong? (see 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
5. **Does require a connection with God** (v 25). There is but one focus for our worship. Are there ways the church, or we individually, confuse the purpose?
6. **Does require a connection with others** (v 25). Not all worship is corporate. However, other people may be moved by our worship (see John 12:32). Are you aware, has your worship ever affected someone else? How can you intentionally share Jesus as an act of personal worship?
7. **Does require God's movement** (v 26). God is the active agent that brings worship to its culmination. How do we try to "create" God movements? Are these helpful/harmful?
8. **Does require integrity/authenticity** (vs 27-28). Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 again. What defines authentic worship?

**Closing:** *Close by praying for each other. Go and **SHARE JESUS!***