

Guest Speaker: Jabin Chavez
"It's Better Than You Think"

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend

Acts 16:25-28 NLT

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"

Your atmosphere has ears; people are listening to your praise.

Exodus 16:31 NLT

The Israelites called the food manna. It was white like coriander seed, and it tasted like honey wafers.

Three Prophetic & Powerful Pieces in Decision-making:

1. STOP (Not all movement promises forward momentum.)
2. DON'T KILL/HARM YOURSELF. (Faith is never logical; it comes from your spirit, not your mind)
3. WE'RE ALL HERE. (The right things/people are all around you.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "We never get to such a low place where we can forget God or to such a high place where we have nothing to praise Him for." Why do you think this tension is important for our faith?
2. Have you experienced a moment where you had to praise Him and trust Him at the same time? Where was this place? When was this season?
3. How do you understand this statement: "Your atmosphere has ears"?
4. Why do you think our response to life's "curveballs" are sometimes the vehicle for God's grace released in someone else's situation?
5. What are seemingly contradictory things in your life right now that can be used as instruments of praise? (i.e. Paul & Silas' chains)
6. Which people are in your proximity that need to benefit from your praise? What situations are they facing right now? (You might be one praise away from chains being broken off of you and everyone around you!)
7. What was something that did not look like what you were expecting, but it was better than you hoped for? (manna-"what is it?"- as a miracle moment)