

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

Infinite Opportunities from the Ordinary

A Series Based on the Book of Acts

Part Six: When Suffering Happens in the Ordinary, Acts 16:25–34

Life may often seem ordinary, but the potential for our lives to matter is infinite when we look to the God who is infinite. We see this in the Book of Acts where God advanced the good news about Jesus through people who were otherwise ordinary. What does this teach us about how God is working in our lives today? We continue our journey through Acts with a routine shift for a prison guard in Philippi, except that Paul and Silas were in his prison that evening. Read Acts 16:25–34.

When you have faith in Jesus, times of pain and suffering invite you to ask:

Is there an Opportunity for Praise despite this?

Is there an Opportunity for Purpose through this?

Is there an Opportunity for Progress beyond this?

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. What were the circumstances that landed Paul and Silas in prison?
2. What is your natural response to pain and suffering?
3. In what ways do circumstances impact your worship?
4. How do you think the prisoners reacted to their singing?
5. Why did the prisoners stay in prison even after the earthquake?
6. How does faith in Jesus help you respond to suffering?
7. How can we influence non-believers to see the need for salvation?
8. Share a time when a difficult circumstance has led someone to Jesus.

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

How will following Jesus help me respond to suffering this week?

How will I live differently because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: