

The Church - Small Group Discussion - June 6, 2020

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Acts 16:20-39

- 1) As individuals and as Christians, how should we respond when we are treated unjustly?
- 2) Why would motivate Paul and Silas to stay at the prison even after the earthquake freed them? Why did they choose to assert their rights as Roman citizens when they were released?

- 3) While some forms of injustice are filling the headlines these days, what are some other forms of injustice that people experience? What is the source of injustice?
- 4) Read John 8:42-47. Jesus said Satan is the Father of Lies. What does Satan want to accomplish by lying? How can we spot his lies?
- 5) Read Philippians 4:4-9. Is this easy for you to do? Why or why not? How can you help yourself to keep this in focus?

MOVING FORWARD:

Make a commitment to keep a focus on the things of God, recognizing Satan's attempts to distract us. Pray for wisdom and discernment in recognizing and rejecting Satan's lies.

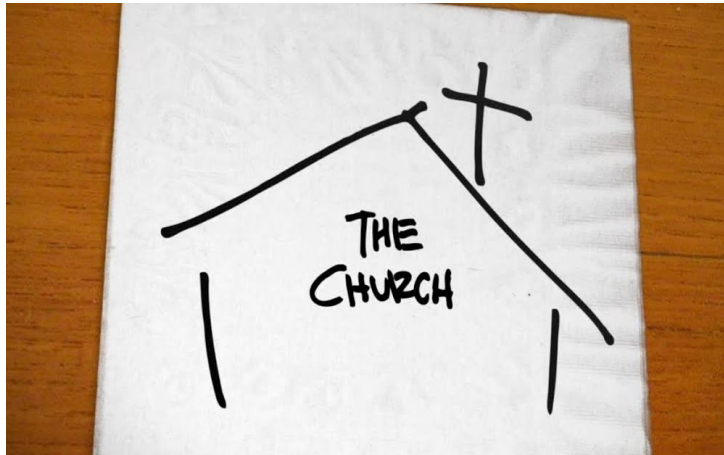
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