

OUTFLOW

Message Notes

March 14, 2010

"Friends and
Family Plan"

Acts 16:22-31

Acts 16:22-31 (NIV) ²²The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. ²³After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. ²⁷The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" ²⁹The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

So he and all his household believed. (John 4:53)

When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. (Acts 16:15)

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30)

What Can We Do to Get Through to Our Family and Friends Without Being Pushy or Obnoxious?

1. Get Real about What You _____ Do.

A. You can't undo the past.

B. You can't control the future.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He's done. (Philippians 4:6, NLT)

C. You can't make anybody believe.

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. (1 Corinthians 3:6)

2. Get on with What You _____ Do.

A. You can pray.

B. You can listen and love.

C. You can serve and share.

...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect... (1 Peter 3:15)

3. Get Ready to See God _____.

At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God--he and his whole family." (Acts 16:33-34)

Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize 1 Peter 3:15.
- Use the i³ Prayer Card to pray for people who need God.
- Begin inviting people to celebrate Easter at Forest Park.
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read the next five chapters of *Outflow* by Steve Sjogren and Dave Ping.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!