



STUDY NOTES – MAY 26, 2019

Sermon Series: “Impact”

Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.
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Acts 16

1. The motives of the opposition (Vs. 19-21)

Acts 16:19–21 (ESV) — 19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. 21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.”

- Life lesson: Identify and respond to **the reasons for the nonbeliever’s opposition.**

THE REASON	THE APPROACH
Money	Help them to see that money <u>is worthless after death.</u>
Bitterness at God	Help them understand human free will and <u>the consequences of the fall.</u>
Disillusionment with Christians/church	Help them to focus on <u>Jesus not people.</u>
Procrastination	Help them to realize that <u>death can come at any time.</u>
Clinging to a specific sin(s)	Help them to understand <u>sin’s destructiveness.</u>

2. The nature of the opposition (Vs. 22-24)

Acts 16:22–24 (ESV) — 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. 23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

- Life lesson: Be prepared for **harsh reactions to sharing your faith.**

3. The response to the opposition (V. 25)

Acts 16:25 (ESV) — 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

- Life lesson: Respond to mistreatment with **confidence and praise.**

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: Acts 16:19-25
 - What truths stand out to you?
- 1. Have you ever experienced opposition to sharing your faith?
 - If so, what do you think was the motive for the opposition?
 - How did you respond to the opposition?
- 2. Why do many nonbelievers respond so negatively to the gospel?
 - How does it make you feel?
 - What are some ways to overcome fear of people responding negatively?
- 3. Why do few Christians praise God for being mistreated for the gospel?
 - How can we regain an understanding of the honor of suffering persecution?

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