



# LifeGroups Study Guide

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**Lesson Aim:** To discuss connecting with God.

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

**Icebreaker:** When you are going through a difficult time what do you do to help yourself feel better?

1. Read Acts 16:25-34. How were Paul and Silas testifying about God without actually preaching a message to the prisoners?
2. What do you think caused the jailer to want to be saved?
3. Are you prepared to give a simple answer if someone comes to you and asks “What must I do to be saved?” What would your simple answer be? How do Jesus’ words in John 5:24 help you with this?
4. Verse 34 said the jailer was “filled with joy because he had come to believe in God.” Why do you think believing in God filled him with joy? What was He joyful about?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:13-15. What does Peter exhort Christ-followers to do in verse 15?
6. How do the actions of Paul and Silas in Acts 16:25-34 correspond to what Peter says in 1 Peter 3:13-15?
7. Read 2 Timothy 4:2 in more than one translation if possible. How might Paul’s jail experience with Silas have influenced what he wrote to Timothy?
8. Looking again at the Acts passage, when were the jailer and his family baptized? According to Josh’s message why is it important to get baptized?
9. For those in the group that have been baptized, briefly share your baptism story. If you haven’t been baptized, is there anything holding you back that your group could help you with or pray for you about?
10. Spend some time praying for those you know that need Jesus.

## Restart 2013

How loud does God's wake-up call need to be in my life?

### Connecting with God through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 16:25-31):

- There are not many ways, there is only one way. (John 14:6)
- It isn't something we earn or deserve. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Every person must make their own decision to repent and trust in Jesus. (John 3:36)

### Connecting with God through water baptism (Acts 16:32-34):

- In the New Testament church, every follower of Jesus gets baptized. Period.
- Matthew 28:18-20:
  - ✓ Trust in Jesus.
  - ✓ Believer's baptism.
  - ✓ Follow Jesus through a life of grace-based obedience and growth.
- Baptism is an outward symbol of an inward reality. (1 Peter 3:21)
- Baptism is a powerful way to go public with our love for and allegiance to Jesus.  
(Acts 8:35-36)
- Bottom-line: baptism is obedience to the command of Jesus for anyone who claims to follow Him.  
(Matthew 28:18-20)

### Good Friday Baptism, March 29 @ 6pm.

- Class on March 10 @ 9:30am & 11:00am in the Choir Room (choose one time to attend).