

God's Sovereignty Over the Church

Acts 16:6-24

1. Over the Advance of the _____ (v. 6-12)
 - a. Paul's _____
 - i. Holy Spirit nixes _____ plan
 - ii. Spirit of Jesus stops _____ plan
 - iii. Night vision initiates _____ plan
 - b. Paul's _____
 - i. _____ chosen by Paul
 - ii. _____ noticed by Paul
 - iii. _____ joins the team
2. Over the _____ called by the Gospel (v. 13-15)
 - a. _____ beginning
 - i. A women's _____ meeting
 - ii. A _____-native Philippian conversion
 - b. _____ beginning
 - i. An opened _____
 - ii. An opened _____
3. Over the _____ of the Gospel (v. 16-24)
 - a. _____ over the spiritual world
 - i. The _____ spirit
 - ii. The revealed _____
 - iii. The _____ of Jesus Christ
 - b. _____ by man
 - i. Men affected by _____
 - ii. Crowds incited through _____
 - iii. Leaders influenced by _____

"Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

Luke 24:45

Follow-Up Questions

1. What are your plans for serving the Lord? Have you had to adjust them lately in order to heed the Lord's direction?
2. Did God say "no" to reaching the province of Asia with the Gospel? (Read Acts 18:18-21 about Paul's first trip to Asia.) Can you think of a similar situation now?
3. Why is the first convert in Philippi rather surprising? What had to happen for her to hear the Gospel? What had to happen for *you* to hear the Gospel?
4. What did Lydia have to offer the missionaries? What do you have to offer the ministry of the church?
5. What is more shocking – that there was a demon associated with false religion possessing a girl allowing her to perform fortune-telling OR that this demon acknowledged the identity and mission of the missionaries? Do you believe there are demons today?
6. Do you think Paul and Silas were shocked by their persecution? When it comes, do you think we will be shocked by persecution? Should we be?
7. The sermon today emphasized the sovereignty of God over the church and its obedience to the Great Commission. How is God shaping the plans and work of Faith PCA in MB?

Read through the Bible in a year!

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