



## LESSON TEN: THE GOSPEL BRINGS PEACE AND REST

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### RELATING TO THE WORLD'S STORY

- 1) Discuss what causes people to be on the edge or over the edge. What makes them lose hope?

### LEARNING FROM PAUL'S STORY

- 2) Read Paul's story in  Acts 16:25-39, and watch the sixth segment of  *To the Ends of the Earth* (27:23-33:33). Describe what you think went through the jailer's head and heart when he cried out, "What must I do to be saved?" (See Acts 16:30)

Here was another opportunity. Paul knew that Jesus came "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). That was once Paul. He often told the story of how God had saved him. He was living proof of the power of God's Word.

- 3) How was Paul's answer a clear message of the gospel when he said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved—you and your household" (Acts 16:31)?

#### Want to know more?

*God is merciful to the broken-hearted*

Psalm 51:14-17

Isaiah 57:14-15

Matthew 11:28-30

Paul followed up by sharing the word of the Lord with the jailer and everyone else in his house showing them hope comes from Jesus (See Hebrews 11:1).

- 4) The jailer was very familiar with the legal system and capital punishment. Identify key words and concepts in these passages that might be beneficial for sharing the gospel with someone like him.

 Isaiah 53:3-6

📖 John 3:16-18

📖 Romans 8:1-4, 31-34

📖 Galatians 3:10-14, 22-25

📖 Colossians 1:19-23

- 5) How does the jailer's story illustrate the truth of God's words spoken through Isaiah (and quoted by Paul): "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me" (Romans 10:20)? Apply these words to our witnessing efforts.

Jesus came to "bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1). Faith in Jesus becomes the antidote to hopelessness and his love drives out fears. The jailer and his household's next desire—baptism for them all. Filled with joy, the jailer brought them to his house for a meal.

**Want to know more?**

*Baptism's promises*

Acts 2:32-39

Romans 6:3-5

1 Peter 3:18-22

**MAKING IT YOUR STORY**

- 6) Hopelessness is a dark place. For some it is feeling trapped with no foreseeable escape from the unbearable feelings or situation. Imagine you had to talk with someone at their low point. What would you say to bring hope?

Personal Reflection: Who is it who needs this right now? How?

**Motivation from  
Isaiah**

Isaiah 40:1-11, 25-31

Isaiah 42:1-12

Isaiah 57:14-19

Isaiah 60

7) Describe hard times in your life that have given you an open door to showing and sharing Jesus.

**THIS WEEK:**

- Learn this Bible Story to share: **Saul's Conversion** (Acts 22:1-21).
- Visit the website for the WELS Commission on Evangelism ([www.wels.net/evangelism](http://www.wels.net/evangelism)) for ways you can reach out in your community.

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