



LifeGroup Discussion Questions

Being Thankful in Hard Times | November 19, 2023

Summary

In today's sermon, Pastor Dale focused on developing a thankful mindset — particularly in the midst of challenging circumstances — drawing inspiration from the experiences of Paul and Silas in Acts 16. Being thankful isn't solely dependent on favorable situations but on understanding and embracing the truth that, as believers, we are "in Christ Jesus."

Scripture

They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks. Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God. -Acts 16:23-34 (NLT)

And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Ephesians 5:20 (NLT)

...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. -1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

Let's Start

How do you spend your Thanksgiving Day?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since the last time we were together?

