

# PRC Community Groups

Providence Road Church



Sermon Series: Acts: To the Ends of the Earth

Message: Radical Christianity is Normal

Passage: Acts 16:25-34

Date Preached: March 3, 2013

## Going Deeper

1. Discuss the context of the passage. Why were Paul and Silas in prison? What were their crimes and how severely were they punished? Did the “crime” fit the punishment? Why or why not?
2. Verse 25 says that it was not until “about midnight” that Paul and Silas began praying and praising. This is not in the text and just speculation, but what could have been their response to their circumstances leading up to that midnight hour?
3. What truths about God would lead Paul and Silas to pray and praise? Who were listening and what would their likely reaction be?
4. Why would the jailer consider suicide as his only option? When he asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”, do you believe he was asking in response to the gospel message or his physical salvation? How would Paul and Silas respond. *[Verse 31 seems to suggest that it wasn't until they arrived at his house that Paul and Silas spoke the Word of the Lord “to him and to all who were in his household”]*
5. Describe the Biblical fellowship in verses 33-34. How would the Lord bless and provide for all involved in this incredible event?

## Application

1. Do you believe every Christian should live their lives with the same passion, zeal and resolve as Paul and Silas? Is their “radical Christianity” normal? Why or why not?
2. Do you quickly flee from pain and difficult circumstances? What does the fact that Paul and Silas did not leave the open jail cell, teach you? *[Pastor Jose shared a phrase that has resonated throughout PRC, “They easy way out is not always the best way out”. They best way out is always the way that brings most glory to God]*
3. Pray for one another. For boldness to proclaim, for faith to trust, for strength to endure as you live radically for Christ.