

Lectio Divina 1

Acts 16

For Reflection:

1. There are many reasons that people reject the Gospel. The owners of the slave girl resisted the Gospel because of material gain. What are reasons that you see today for rejecting the truth?
2. The slave owners had Paul and Silas jailed. Their response to being beaten and put in jail was to pray and sing hymns. Describe the events of the night that led up to the jailer's question "What must I do to be saved?" (vv. 23-30)
3. How does your response to opposition and suffering for the Gospel compare and contrast to that of Paul and Silas (v. 25)?
4. Paul and Silas speak the truth of the Gospel as well as live it out. How do you give both a verbal and a living witness to Jesus?
5. The quotes listed in the program from Acts of the Apostles express hospitality. What is the hospitable message here?

Acts 18

For Reflection:

1. What was the significance of Paul's relationship with Priscilla and Aquila (vv. 2-4, 18-19)?
2. When have you been sustained by someone bringing you good news of God's work elsewhere, entering into your ministry, sharing themselves or their home with you, or supporting you financially or in other ways?
3. What keeps you from allowing others to enter into your life and ministry in such ways?
4. In verses 18-23, what do you learn about Paul's relationships?
5. As you review this passage, how do you need to develop, build and nurture relationships that will contribute to your spiritual growth and outreach?