

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Saturated” (pt. 2) - 04.03.16

God loves diversity~God is sovereignly gracious~God is eternally consistent

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL

When you hear someone say, “Church People” what comes to mind? Typically, people think of morally upright people who make few mistakes or hypocrites who judge and hide their failures. You might be surprised who church people are in the Bible. Paul is traveling around planting new churches. In these stories we meet 5 people that become church (plant) people.

Read Acts 16:12-15 - God saves Lydia

- 1) *Who is Lydia?* (“seller of purple goods”- urban, wealth, artist)
- 2) *What does God saving Lydia communicate to us?* (God loves, saves, and welcomes into the church metropolitan, strong, sophisticated, artist, business women)

Read Acts 16:16-19 - God saves the Slave Girl

- 1) *What does this text tell us about the “slave girl”?*
- 2) *What does God saving the, “slave girl” communicate to us?* (God loves, saves, and welcomes into the church people dealing in the dark, illicit, shady, demonic corners of society)

Read Acts 16:25-34 - God saves the Phillipian Jailer

- 1) *What does this text tell us about the Phillipian jailer?* (Average Joe on the night shift as a guard. Uniform wearing, lunch pale guy with a wife and family. They don't go to church.)
- 2) *What does God saving the Phillipian jailer communicate to us?* (God loves, saves, and welcomes into the church get-up-everyday-brown-bag-it-working-class-pickup-truck dudes)

Read Acts 17:1-4 - God saves the Synagogue Jews

- 1) *What does this text tell us about the “Synagogue Jews”?* (synagogue jews..devout greeks... not a few leading women...reasoned...explained...proving...necessary EX: Accountant, Logical Computer Programmer)
- 2) *What does God saving the “Synagogue Jews” communicate to us?* (God loves, saves, and welcomes into the church intellectually honest, reasoned, thoughtful skeptics)

Read Acts 17:10-12 - God saves the Noble Jewish Man

- 1) *What does this text tell us about the “noble Jewish men”?* (“noble...eager...examining...high standing...men...women”. Morally good, suburban, soccer mom/Nascar Dad)
- 2) *What does God saving the “noble Jewish men” communicate to us?* (God loves, saves, and welcomes into the church good people who know deep down there has to be more than a good reputation, house, SUV, vacation at Disney yearly)

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE

- 1) *God saves 5 unique people. What does this say about God?* 1. He is impartially loving (God loves diversity), 2. God is sovereignly gracious (God does the seeking, saving, including and using; God's acceptance of you is based on Jesus, not you). 3. God is eternally consistent
- 2) *What are 2 qualifications to being a, “church person”?* Only 2 qualifications: breathing & in need of a Savior. You qualify to be saved! You qualify to be included! You qualify to be used!
- 3) *Who in your life have you counted too far from God's reach?* Share with your group and pray for God to use you in bringing them to faith in Jesus!
- 4) *Have you counted yourself to far from God's reach?* Do you believe you don't have what it takes to be a, “church person”? Today, believe the gospel is for ALL people. Especially you!