

Compare and Contrast

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1. When you read Acts 16:11-34, what similarities do you see between the three major characters and what differences? What do you think Luke was trying to get across by arranging his story this way?

2. When we read about the slave girl and her demon possession, why do you think we don't see as much of this in the United States these days? Have you ever seen such obvious examples of someone who is demon-possessed? Is what the slave girl experienced the only way to be influenced by Satan? What do Paul's words that cast out the demon show about the power of Jesus?

3. Why do you think Paul and Silas were singing in prison? How do you become someone who faces suffering like they did?

4. How important is sacrificial kindness and hospitality to help unbelievers hear the message of the Gospel? What experiences have you had where kindness like what Paul and Silas showed the prison guard has led to a person coming to faith in Christ?

5. How can we as a church show more kindness in our communities? What ideas can you come up with that would show sacrificial kindness to people in your sphere of influence?