

BridgeWay Community Church

# Changed Lives

15 November - Ron Aulbach

Acts 16:13-39

## LIFE

Building life giving relationships

**CATCH UP:** Spend 20-30 minutes catching up with each member of the group and sharing prayer requests. Make sure to spend a few minutes praying for each other. *Have you been following the Acts reading plan? What did God do through that time?*

**YOUR STORY:** Are you one who likes change or do you prefer things to stay the same?

## GOD

Growing more like Jesus together

### ENGAGE THE MESSAGE:

1. **Read** Acts 16:13-39
2. In Acts 16:13-15 it says that for Lydia “the Lord opened her heart to respond” to the message. Take some time to discuss how freeing it is that *God opens hearts*. What might this tell us about God’s love and reach? Have you felt like staying quiet because you don’t have the correct words or prayers?
3. The slave girl in Acts 16:16-19 is a clear example of someone in spiritual bondage. What strikes you as odd or interesting about this story of changed life? What questions does it raise?
4. Read Acts 16:19-34 and discuss the Roman jailer. How did God change His life?
5. Take 2-3 minutes each to share one way God has changed your life. What is common in your stories? What is different? Let’s encourage each other with how God is moving.

## OTHERS

Loving God and loving others

**POWERFUL WORD/ENCOUNTER:** Pastor Ron talked about how some will be reached with a “Powerful Word” others with a “Powerful Encounter.” What are some ways you can share a powerful word with others? What scripture or books of the bible do you think of as powerful? Are there other resources, videos, websites, that could be shared? And, with a powerful encounter, how can you pray for someone to experience the freedom of a life with Jesus?

**PRAY:** Who is one person you can be praying for to share a powerful word with?