

Study Guide – Sunday 5th January 2025

Happy New Year!

Please read Acts 16 v16-34.

- Have you set any New Year's Resolutions? Perhaps you call them something different. Include goals, aspirations, plans you'd like to accomplish or changes you want to make this year. Share as you feel able. You might also like to discuss your track record in achieving previous resolutions / goals / aspirations. What hindered and what helped?
- 2. **Please read Philippians 1:1**. How does Paul describe himself? From the account in Acts, how might Paul have seen himself as a victim?
- 3. **Please read Philippians 1:3-4**. How do you think Paul feels about the people & church in Philippi? From the account in Acts, how else might he have felt towards them considering his previous experiences?
- 4. **Please read Acts 16: 26**. Why were Paul and Silas singing? What was the impact on those around them?
- 5. Why did Paul and Silas not escape the prison after the earthquake? Who were they thinking of? What was their overriding motivation?
- 6. What can we learn from Paul's example about how we choose to remember the past is so important to our present?
- 7. Of your memories of 2024, which ones are you choosing to bring with you into 2025? And how might they help you achieve your goals?