CVC Life Group Guide: Acts 16 — Part 2 What Is Your Firm Foundation?

Opening question: Have you ever experienced a natural disaster or a situation completely outside your control?

- What did you learn from that experience?
- What storms do we face in life beyond natural disasters?

Key thought: When everything around you is shaking, what are you standing on?

Scripture & Recap: Read Matthew 7:24–27.

Jesus describes two builders: one builds on rock, the other on sand. Both face storms, but only the house built on rock stands firm.

Recap from last week — Acts 16:1–15:

- Invest in the next generation.
- Trust God when He closes a door.
- Listen and obey like Lydia.
- Practice hospitality and open your heart to others.

Three Life Applications from Acts 16

1. **Praise God When Your Circumstances Hurt: Acts 16:16–26**

Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned for doing God's work. Yet at midnight, they prayed and sang praises to God.

Discussion:

- Have you ever obeyed God and still experienced hardship?
- Why is it difficult to worship when life hurts?
- How can your response to hardship encourage others?

Key thought: Don't wait for the prison doors to open before you decide God is worthy of praise.

2. **God Can Use Your Situation to Change Someone Else's: Acts 16:26–34**

The jailer witnessed God's work, heard the Gospel, and believed in Jesus with his household.

Discussion:

- How can we notice others' needs when we are struggling ourselves?
- Who might need encouragement or hope in your life right now?
- How can your testimony point someone toward Jesus?

Key thought: Don't become so focused on your own pain that you miss someone else's need.

3. **Stand Firm in Your Faith: Acts 16:35–40**

Paul stood up against unjust treatment and encouraged the believers before leaving.

- How can we respond to unfair treatment in a godly way?
- What helps you remain grounded when your faith is tested?
- How can we strengthen and encourage one another?

Key thought: A firm foundation doesn't mean you never feel shaken. It means you know

Discuss:

- What storm are you facing right now?
- What are you tempted to rely on instead of Jesus?
- Which lesson do you most need to apply: worship, reaching others, or standing firm?
- What is one practical step you will take this week to strengthen your foundation in Christ?

Invite the group to share prayer requests and pray for:

- Salvation: Those who need to know Jesus.
- Worship over worry: Those facing difficult circumstances.
- Encouragement: Those struggling silently.
- Firm foundations: Strength to stand firm and support one another.