

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from February 14, 2016
The Courage of Paul
Acts 16:35-40**

Observing the text

Why did the magistrates suddenly release Paul and Silas (16:35)?

Why did Paul refuse his freedom from prison (16:37)?

How do you view this in light of Paul's own instruction to obey the governing authorities (cf. Romans 13)?

Why do you think Paul delayed informing the magistrates of his Roman citizenship (16:37-38)?

What is the significance of Paul's actions after his release?

Applying the sermon

How have you seen people respond with superstition to various earthly events? Why does this happen?

How quick are you to demand your rights? When you do so, what has been your motivation?

What can you learn from the Philippian Church as you consider their faithfulness after Paul's departure?

In what ways have you demonstrated the interests of your fellow believers in Christ as more important than your own (cf. Philippians 2:3-4)?