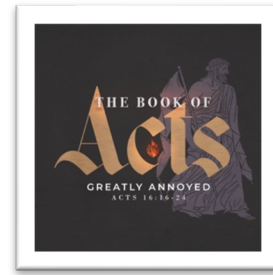


Greatly Annoyed

Acts 16:16-24 // TODD DUGARD

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When I'm on mission for Jesus...The strategy: simple. The message: clear. The power: God's. The expectation: Managed. The cost: paid.

GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1) Pastor Todd said "The Evil One and his demons are active in this world today, subverting God's plan, undermining his people, distorting his message. We ignore this to our peril."

- Why do we tend to ignore the spiritual reality in life's situations? How can being more aware of our spiritual warfare aid us in the Gospel mission?
- What subtle cultural norms are heavily influenced by evil, or outright sinful, that all of us can fall into at times? What are more strikingly obvious ones that ought not be accepted?

2) Read 1 John 2:3-6.

- We all stumble and fail to walk as Christ walked at times. Does this mean none of us are truly saved? Who then is this verse referring to?
- How should we consider those in the church who claim to follow Christ, but do not keep His commandments? How do we approach them with a balance of Grace and Truth?

3) Read 1 Peter 4:1-2 and Colossians 1:24-26.

- Having taken beatings, stoning, and prison time, why did Paul rejoice in his sufferings? What sufferings do we face today for standing firm in the Gospel?
- What would you say to someone who was discouraged because they thought following Christ would make life easier? What would you say to someone who followed Christ and says that it's easy?

4) At the end of the sermon, Pastor Todd challenged us with a question; Do I bear any marks of sacrifice? I'm on mission for Jesus, but what has it cost me, really?

- What's the difference between serving sacrificially and serving out of convenience? How do we know which we are doing?
- Does serving always have to be done in official roles, or with forms, or by volunteering? What does it look like to serve by discipling and loving one another?
- How can we better disciple and show the power of the Gospel to those in our own church?