

## **Discussion Questions Course 403–1**

### **Large Group**

1. Raise your hand if you remember the city where Paul and Silas were preaching and baptizing in our video. What was the city's name?
2. Does the name Philippi remind you of a book of the Bible?

### **Small Group**

#### **Game**

1. Why didn't Paul and Silas go into certain areas to preach?

### **Teaching**

1. Why did Paul go to Philippi?
2. Will God's Spirit still direct us today?
3. How do you think our hearts would feel if we disobeyed the Lord?
4. How will our hearts feel if we obey God?
5. The SuperVerse says we should follow God in which part of our lives?
6. Can you name some parts of our lives where we should follow God?
7. If we obey God, does that mean we will never go through hard times?
8. Were Paul and Silas beaten and put in prison because they did something wrong, or because they obeyed God?
9. Did Paul and Silas moan and grumble and complain?

#### **Discipleship Challenge**

1. I'll name some people in the Bible story, and you tell me how they were set free.
  - Paul and Silas.
  - The fortune teller.
  - The jailer and his family.
2. In the video, a girl was not being led by God's Spirit. She was directed by something else and causing trouble for Paul and Silas. Who was she?

### **SuperVerse**

1. Suppose you went to a band concert where all the musicians threw away their music and ignored the conductor. They all played whatever notes they wanted, whenever they wanted. How would that sound?

### **Additional Activities**

#### **Following Activity**

1. Did everyone end up at the same location?
2. What do you think was the purpose of this activity?

#### **Maze Activity**

1. When Chris heard that Paul and Silas were going to the river, what did he say he forgot to bring?
2. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit's direction in your life; if so, can you share your experience with us?

3. Why do you think we should trust the Holy Spirit's leading?
4. Why did Peter go up to the roof top?
5. Do you remember how God instructed Paul to go to Macedonia?
6. What happened in the vision?
7. Name some good things that happened because Paul followed the Spirit's direction.

### **Bible Study**

#### **Galatians 5:16-17**

1. What is the benefit of letting the Holy Spirit guide our lives?
2. In verse 17, what does our sinful nature want to do?
3. What does the Spirit desire?
4. Does our sinful nature work well with God's Spirit?
5. What happens when the sinful nature gains control?
6. Can you describe a time that you experienced a battle similar to what is described in verse 17?
7. Why is it difficult to give control over to God's Spirit?
8. Is it more difficult to give control to the Spirit in some areas of your life and not so easy in others? Please explain or share an example.
9. Overall, why is it important to give control of every part of our lives to the Spirit?

#### **Ezekiel 36:26-27**

1. In verse 26, what will God remove from them?
2. How will the new heart be different?
3. What do you think that means?
4. In verse 26-27, what else will God give them?
5. What will His Spirit do for them?
6. How does God help us today to obey and live for Him?

#### **Romans 8:26-27**

1. In verse 26, what does the Holy Spirit do when we are weak?
2. How can the Holy Spirit help us to pray?
3. Have you ever experienced a time when you didn't know what to pray and you sensed the Holy Spirit's direction?
4. Have you ever just sat in silence before the Lord in prayer and allowed the Holy Spirit to pray through you and guide your thoughts?
5. In verse 27, how does it make you feel to know that God knows your heart?
6. How does the Spirit help us to pray?