

The Joy of the Journey

January 28-29, 2012

CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER

- What was most memorable about our Strategic Partners, Rick & Donna Warner, and their testimony this weekend?

CONNECT WITH THE TEXT—Read Acts 16:16-34

- Do you think Paul & Silas made a choice to be joyful in this situation or did joy come naturally for them? Does joy come naturally for you or do you choose to be joyful?
- The joy of Paul & Silas, in spite of their circumstances, brought about 3 breakthroughs: freedom (v26), the jailer's salvation and the salvation of the jailer's family (v34). Are you praying for any of those same breakthroughs? How might joy in your life, in spite of circumstances, bring them about?

CONNECT WITH THE BOTTOM LINE—Read Philippians 1:20-26

- Paul's mindset about serving God found in this passage was no doubt the source of his joy. Take a couple of minutes to put this passage into your own words and then consider how Paul's attitude might be different than yours. If you had this same mindset, would it create more joy in your life? What would help you adopt this way of thinking?

ONE STEP BEYOND

The imprisonment in Acts 16 resulted in the birth of the church at Philippi which Paul addressed approximately 10 years later in the book of Philippians. Read the four chapters of the book of Philippians every day this week noting the things that bring Paul joy, what he instructs them to avoid and what he instructs them to do. Consider how each of those things affect your joy.

GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS :
