

## Home Group Discussion Guide September 19-25, 2021 – The Soul of Community – A Worshipping Community

**Devotion:** There are many places throughout scripture where we see the power of praise demonstrated. We see Paul & Silas worshipping the Lord in Acts 16. We see Job choose to bless the Lord during his intense trials. Throughout the book of Psalms, we hear from David as he bears his soul without restraint. Worship is our response to God in EVERY season of our lives.

In Acts 16 starting in verse 22, we see Paul and Silas go from being physically beaten and imprisoned to their chains falling off and the prison guard begging to know the God they serve. Their radical worship brought literal freedom. Worship is a vehicle to connection with God. Worship can get us out of our own headspace and realign our focus on what God is saying.

We are a worshipping community because we are a worshipping people. I believe when we commit our lives to follow Christ, we enter relationship with Him. It is in that relationship that we can worship like Paul, believe like Job, and give God every situation in between.

## Scripture - Read \_Acts 16:22-32

- O Question 1: How have you seen worship shift a situation in your life?
- o Question 2: How do you like to worship God? (Corporately, alone, while you walk?)
- o Question 3: What hinders us from worshipping?

**How is it with your soul?** (Go around and share as you look back to the "good and the bad" of this week and then look forward to what you can do or where you want to see God move this week.)

- o Where have you seen God this week?
- o Where have you struggled this week?
- o How can you be open to God/the Holy Spirit this week?

## **Prayers**