

Going Viral in New Places
Sermon # 16, Acts 15:36-16:34

Main Point: *God goes ahead of us when we go viral in new places.*

Getting to Know You

1. Would you ever go on a mission trip to a foreign country? Why or why not?

Getting into the Book

Read 15:36-41

2. What blessings did God bring out of the dispute between Paul and Barnabas to help spread the gospel?

Read 16:11-34

3. What was Paul's typical strategy when he entered a new city in order to go viral? Brainstorm some ways we might we apply this strategy today.
4. How did Paul and his group go viral with...the women at the place of prayer? (Leader: they "spoke to them") And the prisoners and Jailer? (Leader: they prayed and sang out loud)
 - a. What does this teach us about the various ways to go viral?
5. What Scriptural evidence is there that God is active in the process of going viral? (See 16:14, 25-26)
6. What factors led to the Jailer's openness to the gospel?
7. How did Lydia and her household, and the Jailer and his household, respond to the message of Jesus? (see 16:14-15, 30-34) Have you responded to Jesus in this way? If not, why not?

Getting Out There

8. How open do you think people are to hearing the good news of Jesus? Why do you think there aren't more Christians in the world?
9. What do you think God wants you to do about all of the unsaved people in the world? What are you willing to do about it?
10. Viral Report: Update the group on any viral opportunities you've had since you last met.
 - a. Have you been reaching up in prayer for three people to come to Christ?
 - b. Have you reached out to them in relationship?
 - c. Have you reached in with the gospel?

Reminder: If you have not done so, fill out a "My Faith Story" card and turn it in at church.

Pray

Pray for God's good news to go viral throughout the world. Pray for God to use the missionaries you know to go viral with the good news. Pray for God to open your heart to care more about people's salvation.