



What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. What sort of faith-based questions have non-believers asked you? What were the circumstances that led to the questions?

2. If someone came right out and said to you: 'What must I do to be saved!?', how would you answer them in one sentence!?

In Acts 16:16-24 Paul and Silas are harassed by a slave who keeps crying out that they are agents sent from God! Paul sets things straight by commanding the Spirit that had tormented the girl, to leave in the name of Jesus Christ. This new found freedom isn't welcomed by the owners of the slave who had made money through her ability to predict the future. So though Paul and Silas had brought release to this girl, they now find themselves enchained by local authorities for causing an uproar! We pick up the scene here...

Read Acts 16:25-34

3. Why does the jailer look to take such extreme action as he wakes from his slumber in verse 27?

4. How does the jailer's question mirror his manner in verses 29 and 30?

5. What sentence do Paul and Silas use to answer his question? (What other things* do you think Paul and Silas may have shared with the jailer's household in verse 32?)

**think back across our series this term!*

Read Acts 16:35-40

6. Who may have come across the road to Lydia's house to meet with Paul and Silas? (Remember the people we have met across Acts 16).

7. Paul and Silas sing from the depths of the inner cell in the midst of their chains. How can joy in the midst of suffering in your life, still offer opportunities to speak of your salvation? Discuss.

8. Paul and Silas knew exactly how to answer the jailer's question. How confident are you to share the news of salvation? Why? Why not?

9. The Bible Society in Australia have produced a Bible for Special Religious Education called 'The BiG rescue Bible'. Reflecting on this series, suggest three passages that confirm the Bible message is the story of our rescue.

Calico Squares

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Psalms 139:13-16

You have been fearfully and wonderfully made. Your life has a 'story' to tell. It can be hard to share our story: past hurts, disappointments, betrayal and physical suffering. Yet across the Bible we are reminded that God weaves our story. Time and time again, the people of God have faced a host of challenges, yet God has saved his people. You mightn't feel overly creative to capture part of your story on a calico square. That's ok. Simply use words, use pictures, some have even used nuts and bolts! Don't miss out on this opportunity to be bound into 'our story'. From the midst of lockdown, be reminded you are not alone. You are a child of God, the Holy Spirit lives in you, you have brothers and sisters who are a part of your family at Southern Cross. We would so love to hear your story through your calico squares. Please get them down to the letterbox or red calico square bin at Park Ave as the large quilt has begun to be sewn together. The last day for delivery is Sunday 3rd Oct. It will be completed on 4th Oct. Our Father God weaves our story! What's yours?