



**GOING DEEPER**  
June 8/9, 2019

**Teacher:** Pastor Wayne

**Title:** Sing a Little Louder – Affirmation of Beliefs

**Text:** Acts 16:16-34, key verse: 25. (Secondary Text: Psalm 113-118)

**Summary:**

Throughout the Biblical narrative we discover a strong connection between what we believe and what we sing. Dedicating the Tabernacle, advancing into enemy territory, making the pilgrimage to the great festivals in Jerusalem, announcing the promised arrival of Jesus, the early church being fuelled and formed. ‘Singing what we believe’ or conversely ‘believing what we sing’ go hand in hand. May we grow ever louder in practicing this timeless act of worship!

**Discussion Questions:**

- Spend a few minutes talking about the essential importance and benefits of a strong foundation. (For a building, a business, a marriage, a family.)
  - When it comes to your faith: What are the essential building blocks of your foundation? In other words, What do you believe? Where will you take your stand?
- Read Acts 16:16 to 34.
  - Now focus on verses 22 to 25. Imagine what Paul and Silas were thinking and feeling physically, emotionally, spiritually.
  - How do your surrounding environments or circumstances affect you?
- It is believed that they were singing the ancient Paschal Hymn recorded in Psalm 113-118. The same one Jesus and his disciples sang. (Matthew 26:30)
  - Scan through those Psalms. Which verses or phrases jump out to you as you imagine Paul and Silas singing them? Why?
  - Which lyrics from these ancient songs would you like to claim and hold on to right now?
- When comes to The Word or The Music in a worship service which way do you most naturally lean:
  - Towards the preaching, teaching and written Word of God?
  - Towards the singing, instruments, and musical worship of God?

- Why are both extremely important?
- How might you grow in the other direction?
- What are the benefits to singing what we believe together, in community?
  - When have you experienced the holy presence of God while worshipping in song?

### **Never Stop Praying**

- **Believe:** In the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.
- **Return:** To your first love, Jesus, and find yourself right at home.
- **Declare:** Your desire to follow Jesus by being baptised this June 23.