



Week 22 | May 5 Sermon

Community:

Goodbye, Tulip Time. See you next year!

- Did you view Tulip Time any differently this year, as we have been focusing on being sent ones everywhere we go?
- How did you feel about Tulip Time? Was it life-giving or life-draining for you?
- Did you engage with guests, our community, your family and/or friends?
- What opportunities did we as a community have if we viewed Tulip Time as a mission? Did we take hold of those? How did we respond? How could we improve?
- What opportunities did you personally have if you viewed Tulip Time as a mission? Did you have any conversations you wouldn't normally have? Did you do anything different this year compared to the past?
- If you were to write a letter to your future self 50 or so weeks from now, how would you encourage yourself to engage Tulip Time in 2020 based on your 2019 experiences?

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

GROUPS

Sermon Title: Good-bye Barnabas, Hello Silas: Reorganizing Mission Part 2 | Text: Acts 16:6-40

Auditorium Discussion Questions::

In your reading of the book of Acts, and chapter 16 in particular, how would you describe the role of women in the growth of the early church? Also, see 2 Timothy 1:5-7.

What are at least two factors that led to Paul and Silas being imprisoned?

Read 16:16-23. Do you think this was simply a personal demonic manifestation, or part of a larger scale warfare? Why or why not?

What are some ways that praise and worship factor into spiritual warfare?

What were some of the results of this spiritual victory? Was it strictly personal in nature – or epic?

*Hint: Philippi was the first church established in Europe.

Sanctuary Discussion Questions::

Please read and reflect upon Acts 16:6-40. What is the Spirit drawing your attention to? Why? Could you share your “Spirit quickenings” with others in the group?

Kevin suggests that in reading the book of Acts, “power encounters seem to change the spiritual climate of an area. There is often a ripple effect of people being free from demonic enslavement.”

Do you agree with this?

Have you seen/experienced this personally? Where? When?

Would you respond to this statement: “If anyone or anything positions itself to block the Acts 1:8 mandate, the risen King reserves the right to overthrow the rebellion.”

Have you ever experienced the risen Christ overthrowing rebellion? When and where?

Acts 16 reveals significant spiritual practices? Are these practices part of your journey with Christ in mission? Which one is most important to you? Why?

Please pray blessing, encouragement and Holy Spirit infilling for each other as you join in living out the Acts 1:8 mandate.