

3. How would the story have ended if Paul and Silas had been sorry for themselves in light of their bad circumstances, and not aware of God's movement in that jail?

MY CURRENT SITUATION

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

THE BIG PRINCIPLE

TAKING IT HOME

1. Is there a situation you are in currently that you feel is hopeless, or you feel like God won't move there? Please share with your group.

What encouragement can we take from Paul and Silas's story?

What might be a purpose that God has for putting you there?

2. Read **Ephesians 5:15-16**. What would it mean for you to make the most out of that situation?

HOW THIS PRINCIPLE APPLIES

HERE'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO ABOUT IT

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of January 15th, 2012

Welcome to the Winter Quarter of Growth Groups!

This week we kick off our Winter Growth Group quarter. Your first meeting will include time to get acquainted, as well as time to discuss your Growth Group Covenant. The homework has been shortened this week to allow ample time to accomplish this.

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great first meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God change our lives from the inside out!

MY STORY

1. If you were forced to live in one of the remote areas below for three months with only what is necessary to survive and no communication with the outside world, which location would you choose and why?

=> Sahara Desert

=> South American Rain Forest

=> Antarctica

=> Himalayan Mountains

=> Sailboat in the middle of the ocean

=> Outer Space

2. As you look toward 2012, what are one or two things you're looking forward to? What excites you about those things?

3. Look back at your notes from this Sunday's teaching. Was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Acts 16:16-34**. What happened to Paul and Silas? Why were they in Jail?

What happens to them while they are in Jail?

What happens to the guard?

2. If you were in Paul's place, what would you have been thinking? Would you be happy in your situation? Why or why not?

How does God use Paul and Silas in their situation?