



School of Prayer

GraceYouth Week 1

Praying to Exalt God

May 5, 2021

### Ice Breaker

What was your biggest takeaway from our last series, “The Forgiveness Project”?

### Big Idea

Prayer should be God Centered, not me-centered

### Leader Read Aloud:

During the book of Acts, the church has been started by the Holy Spirit and throughout the course of the book we see followers of Jesus sharing the Gospel. They go all over the known world sharing with people the good news of what Jesus has done for their sins and how they must be saved. In this section of Acts, we are reading about two men named the Apostle Paul and Silas who are sharing the Gospel in a city called Philippi and they end up getting thrown in jail even though they are innocent of any crimes. We are going to learn about how they respond in the situation they find themselves in.

### Scripture Questions | Acts 16:16-34

1. What phrases or words stuck out to in this passage?
2. What did they do while they were in prison?  
Answer: They praised and worshipped God
3. What ended up happening?  
Answer: God caused an earthquake to occur to set them free and the jailer ended up placing his faith in Jesus
4. What do you think it looks like to “pray and sing hymns to God?” from what you see in Scripture?

### Application Questions

1. If you were put into a situation you didn’t deserve (Paul and Silas in jail) what do you think your reaction would be? (ex: Anger, despair, worry, etc.)
2. What does it mean to exalt or praise God?  
Answer: To think highly of someone. To deem someone as top priority and supreme with words, thought, and actions.
3. Is there a difference between thanking and praising God?  
Answer: You thank someone when they do something for you. You praise and exalt someone just because of who they are.



4. How often would you say you praise God just for who He is in your life? Not just thank Him, but truly PRAISE Him for who He is.
5. What does exalting God look like for you as a teenager in 2021?
6. What do you think would happen if you took time to just slow down and praise God daily? What does this look like?

### **Next Step**

Take some time as a group to EXALT God in prayer. Just praise Him for who He is. After you take some time to do this, take a few moments to talk about what it was like.

### **Prayer**

Pray that we would get more into the habit of praising God. Pray that we would take our eyes off ourselves and put them on God.