

JESUS CONTINUED

BY THE SPIRIT, THROUGH THE CHURCH, IN THE WORLD

Two Marks of Fruitful Christ-Like Ministers

Acts 16:1-10 (p. 924)

Submission To The Rule Of Love (16:1-5)

- Paul's Christ-Like Love For the Jewish People
- Timothy's Christ-Like Love For Paul And The Ministry

Submission To the Plan Of God (16:6-10)

- They Default To Active Obedience
- They Let God Be Sovereign

Application

Are you marked by submission to the rule of love?

- Do you love difficult people to the point of painful sacrifice?
- Do you lovingly submit to the requests of your leaders for the sake of the ministry?

Are you marked by submission to the plan of God?

- Do you default to active forward-moving obedience?
- Do you let god be sovereign over every detail of your life?

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. Read John 15:12-17, Philippians 2:1-11, & Hebrews 12:1-3. How does seeing Christ's submission to the rule of love enable and motivate submission to the rule of love?
3. Read John 6:38-40, Luke 22:41-44, & 1 Peter 2:21-25. How does seeing Christ's submission to the plan of God enable and motivate our submission to the plan of God?
4. Discuss the application questions from the sermon notes. Take this opportunity to offer specific confession to one another. Also, take this time to specifically encourage one another for the ways you see these qualities demonstrated in each other's lives.
5. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
6. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
7. How were you encouraged by this passage?
8. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?