

“Shapes of Holiness”
12 November 2017
Little Trinity Anglican Church, Toronto

Discussion Questions
(take as many as you want, in any order)

Read Acts 16.9-40

1. Acts 16 has a diverse and interesting cast of characters. Which character is most intriguing to you and why? Which aspects of which characters do you identify with?
2. The encounter with God/God’s messengers affects different people in different ways. Where in Acts 16 does the encounter with God produce holiness – a life offered to God? Where does the encounter with God reveal judgment – a life turned away from God?
3. Why did Paul spare the jailer’s life? Put yourself in that situation: would you have done the same?
4. Why do you think the jailer was so ready to inquire about and accept salvation in Jesus?
5. The jailer was saved with “all his household”. Is your family a community where you are encouraged to grow in faith as a disciple of Jesus? What groups/communities help you grow in faith?
6. The sermon concludes with the idea that we can only give what we have first received. What have the people and events in your life “given” you – good and bad? Which of these gifts are from God? What has the Lord done in your life?
7. A) Where in your community (define as you wish) do you see the absence of these good gifts from God – like the mercy that the jailer’s context denied to him (before meeting Paul), and which he denied others in turn?

B) What would it look like for us as a church to share what we’ve been given in an intentional and structured way?