

A CHURCH BUILT BY SLAVES

Acts 16.6-40 // Philippians 1.1

BACKGROUND: A CHURCH IS BORN

Philippians 1.1

Philippians is a letter written by the Apostle Paul around 61 A.D. But the story doesn't start here, it starts back in Acts 16.6-40, the story of how the church in Philippi was born. This takes place around 51 A.D., the story of a missionary trip with Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy.

Acts 16.6-40

Here, you have these four men in an important city, and they meet a rich Asian woman, a poor, demon-possessed slave girl, and blue collar Roman prison guard, the Philippian church is born.

HOW GOD PLANTS AND GROWS CHURCHES

Significantly, the word "servants" in English is actually the word "slaves" in Greek. Yet it describes believers in the Old Testament 250 times, and 40 times in the New Testament.

Churches are started by, led by, and are built by slaves.

In a real sense, believers have no rights to their lives. We can't spend money how we desire, fill our calendar how we desire, or live wherever or however we choose. We've been bought with a price. **1 Corinthians 6.19, 20, 7.22-24**

**Slavery to Jesus means the freedom of joy,
because slavery to Him brings freedom from the slavery of sin.**

Romans 6.15-23

HOPE FOR THE SLAVE

It is a scary thought for many to be a slave. But there is hope for us. Philippians tells us that the Lord will complete the work He began in us, that we can do all things through Jesus because He is our strength, and that we need not be anxious for anything. If we fear the thought of being a slave for Jesus, we can rest in the fact that if God has truly begun a work in us, we need not have fear that He will work powerfully within us.



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

CONTACT US:

Jobey McGinty // Pastor, Preaching & Vision
jobey@lifemission.tv

Eric Price // Pastor, Community & Discipleship
eric@lifemission.tv

Matt Piro // Worship Leader
matt@lifemission.tv

Katie McGinty // Kids on Mission
katie@lifemission.tv

Casey Barnes // Student Ministries
casey@lifemission.tv

Kim Roberson // Administration
kim@lifemission.tv

Rachel Jobin // Connection Team
rachel@lifemission.tv

Life Mission Church

Call or Text: 760-975-4525
PO Box 908, San Marcos, CA 92079

www.LifeMissionChurch.com
[Facebook.com/LifeMissionChurch](https://www.facebook.com/LifeMissionChurch)
Twitter: @YourLifeMission
[YouTube.com/LifeMissionTV](https://www.youtube.com/LifeMissionTV)

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who is able to recite the memory verse?

What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

On Sunday, Jobey spoke about being a slave to Christ. He mentioned that believers don't really have any rights before God. How does the idea of being a "slave" sit with you? Do you submit faithfully? Or do you seek control of your own life? In which ways have you submitted yourselves faithfully, and in which ways to do you still seek to control your own life and do things your way as your own master?

Why can we be joyfully enslaved to Christ? What is the motivation? _____

What are some characteristics of God that make our submission "easy"? _____

Read **Matthew 6:24**. This verse specifically references money, but does this verse convict you in any other way? Is there another "god" you are serving? Finish the last sentence of **verse 24** for yourself: You cannot serve God and _____?

Read **Acts 16:6-12**. Paul wanted to go to Asia, but as we read, they "were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia." So God, in all His sovereignty, closed that door. How would you characterize Paul's response to God closing that door? _____

Continue reading in **Acts 16:13-40**. What did God do through Paul after closing that door in Asia? _____

How do you deal with closed doors in your life? Do you turn in anger? Frustration? Does it push you away from God? Does it draw you closer to God? Explain. _____

Read **Philippians 1:6**. How might this verse encourage you when God closes a door in your life? In other words, what does this verse promise? Share how God has closed a door and redirected you for His glory and your ultimate joy. _____



LIFE MISSION
C H U R C H

Pastor Jobey McGinty
jobey@lifemission.tv

Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally,
Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.



A CHURCH BUILT BY SLAVES

Philippians 1:1 // June 12, 2016

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Life Mission Church Meets at Classical Academy High School
207 E Pennsylvania Ave, Escondido 92025



/LifeMissionChurch



LifeMissionChurch.com



@YourLifeMission



/LifeMissionTV