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- B) They liked the jailer.
- C) They knew that Jesus had also been beaten unjustly.
- D) They knew they were obeying God.

What do you think it was that caused the jailer to panic and draw his sword?

- A) He knew he would be punished for letting the prisoners escape.
- B) He thought he would lose his job.
- C) He thought his family would be disappointed.
- D) He thought Paul and Silas would kill him.

Why do you think the jailer wanted to be saved?

- A) He was afraid of earthquakes.
- B) He saw Christ in Paul and Silas.
- C) He liked the songs they had been singing.
- D) He didn't really mean it.

With whom do you relate most in this story?

- A) The people in the town – I am angry with believers.
- B) Paul and Silas – I tell the good news everywhere.
- C) The jailer – I am not yet saved.
- D) The magistrates – I do whatever the crowd says.
- E) Other: _____

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How did you respond?

How do you identify with the words of Habakkuk 3:17-18?

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- B) I am hungry but I still trust God.
- C) Things don't seem to be going great, but I still have faith.
- D) I don't see God working for me, but I still praise Him.

What difficulty are you experiencing in your life right now? How might praising God for your situation change your perspective?

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