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“The Power of Home Groups” | Contagious Week 5, Acts 16 – Lo Alaman

Plant

- **Have you ever gone out into nature and marveled at God’s creation? Where was it? How did it speak to you?**
- “Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.”
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- In scripture, we see God making ‘thin spaces’, where the distance between heaven and earth doesn’t exist (the garden of Eden, Moses at the burning bush, the tabernacle in Israel, Jesus) . Lo described the home as one of those spaces.
- **What are other ways that we are invited to be in the presence of God?**

Grow

- Consider the ‘Options’ Lo mentioned in his sermon. **How do you see people living out option 1 & 2 today? Have you ever held either of these perspectives?**
- Read Galatians 5:19-21
- Lo described vertical faith as believing that God has forgiven us and defeated sin, while horizontal faith as believing that God is setting right and freeing us from all that sin has messed up.
- **How might the sins mentioned in Galatians 5 damage lives here on earth? What would healing look like horizontally??**
- Read Acts 16:25-33
- As we read through Acts we see the kingdom invading the temple (church), the market (public sphere), the palace (government), and the house (family). **What can we be praying for the Spirit of God to do in these places in our world today?**

Harvest

- Read Acts 16:13-15, 34
- Consider Lydia’s response. **How have you seen people respond to the Gospel with generosity/hospitality?**

- The early church was a movement that spread across cities, countries, and continents. But they met in homes (see Romans 16:5, Colossians 4:15, Philemon 1:1-2).
- **Other than meeting in houses, what similarities do you see with home groups and the early church? How are they different?**

Prayers

Share prayer requests and follow up on some of the requests from previous weeks.