

Sermon Starter – New Economic Attitudes

Acts 16:16-34

Scripture reading:

This story lends itself especially well to a scripture-based drama. It will probably take some practice, though, so if this is the route you go, plan to gather the group of scripture presenters at least once for a run-through.

Sermon notes:

Paul and Silas spoke and acted boldly, with a clear conviction about what mattered most—God’s way of abundance for all rather than profit and plenty for a few. We can perhaps feel some sympathy for the slave-owner who saw his profitable business reduced to ruins by Paul’s words and actions. Yet the call to look beyond ourselves, and especially to become advocates for those at the margins of society, is just as important now as it was then. This would be a good Sunday to ponder our own enmeshment in economies of scarcity, and to hear a strong invitation to loosen our grasp on what we have so that all may have enough. What shifts in attitude and action might God’s “new heaven and new earth” call forth from us in terms of our buying, saving, investing, and spending?

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