Between the Breakthroughs Discussion Questions Acts 16:16-34

- 1. What thoughts, questions, or feelings do you have after reading the passage or listening to the sermon?
- 2. Have you ever had a time of spiritual breakthrough? If yes, can you describe what happened?
- 3. Have you ever had a surprising struggle after a spiritual breakthrough?
- 4. How do you think Paul and Silas felt after they were in shackles after thinking they were following God's will?
- 5. Read 1 Peter 1:6-9. What are the purpose of trials according to Peter? How can trials possibly produce the kind of results that Peter is talking about?
- 6. Why do you think Paul and Silas decided to sing at midnight? What does this demonstrate about their faith, and how does this serve as a model for us today?
- 7. Have you ever praised God in the midst of a trial? If so, what was it like? What did you learn about God? Yourself?
- 8. Dihan mentioned sticking to the process in between breakthroughs, using Paul/Silas as an example as they stayed in prison after it was opened. Why do you think Paul/Silas stayed in prison after it seemed like they were being set free?
- 9. What "easy outs" are there in today's culture that give the illusion of breakthrough? Has there been a time in your life when there was an "easy-out"?
- 10. Break up into groups of 2-3 and pray for one another, especially if you are "between a breakthrough".