

# Sermon Study Guide



## #3: Life Disrupted, God Interrupted

LOCKDOWN: A Biblical Guide for Times of Uncertainty

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### Reflect

What has been the most significant disruptions in your life due to the enhanced community quarantine brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic? How has it affected you spiritually, emotionally, and physically?

### Read and Discuss

#### Scripture

Acts 16:1-15

#### Discussion Questions

1. What purpose do you think God has for allowing this coronavirus (and perhaps other life events) to affect your life in such a major way? How hard is it for you to really trust God when He doesn't reveal everything to you? How does not knowing everything in advance encourage you to always listen to His voice through reading the Bible and in prayer?
2. What are some things in life that you were not willing to give up or adjust for the Lord? How has this life interruption forced you to realize that you didn't need to hold so tightly to certain practices and things? Will you now be more flexible and adaptable for the Lord, sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit?
3. Do you agree or disagree that it is God's best for your life that you undergo this major life interruption? What spiritual lessons have you learned from this life interruption? Will you commit to inviting the Lord to

"interrupt your life" anytime He feels it necessary?

### Respond

#### In Walk:

*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. Isaiah 55:8*

Covid-19 disrupted us, yet in the midst of this life's disruption is God's interruption. He interrupts us to teach us to trust Him, to be flexible and adaptable to the leading of the Holy Spirit, to help us listen to His voice, and to give us His best. God interrupted Paul in his missionary journeys to reach out to Asia Minor and to see a church grow because of the working of the Holy Spirit. In your case, what has the interruption brought in your life? Are you learning to trust God more, adapt to His leading, listen to His voice so that you will not miss out but receive His best gift?

**In Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I may not always understand Your thoughts and Your ways because you are omniscient, while I am so limited in everything. But this fact makes me rely on You instead of being self-sufficient. Thank You, Father, that I can trust You. I don't need to know all the details of Your plans. Help me instead to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's call and make myself available for You. May I see Your goodness in the midst of the pandemic going on in the world. May I see the best gift You have for me in this situation. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.