



We Are Confident | Ryan Wekenman | 6.6.21
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

What is one book on your summer reading list?

SHARE

Welcome to our week two of our series We Are _____! In this collection of talks, we are talking about who we are. We always want to figure out what we are supposed to do, but the truth is, if we know who we are, we will know what to do! But before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

Rate your week on a scale of one to ten? Why did you pick that number?

What was the most challenging part of your week?

What was the highlight of your week?

GROW

Read Acts 16:16-21

What do you know about the context of Acts 16?

What stuck out to you from this passage?

Worry is the fear that we're not enough. Worship is the confidence that God is enough! When we look at the life of the Apostle Paul, we see a radical disciple who was neither moved nor swayed by the opinions of man. From persecuting Christians to rebelling against the very tyranny he once was a part of, he had a crazy life.

In this passage, we see Paul, blatantly and unapologetically, cast a demonic spirit out of a woman in the name of Jesus. He didn't ask for permission from human authorities but acted under the authority of the Holy Spirit. In fact, we could argue, he did so, knowing full and well that both he and Silas would be seized. This woman had been a slave to her owners, used as a profit and Paul interceded to set her free.

Ryan reminded us this week, that our Godly confidence isn't just for us but for others as well. As we say at Red Rocks, "when we know who we are, we will know what to do." Paul modeled what it meant to walk in confidence and, in doing so, set others free to the Gospel. He sacrificed his earthly comfort for the good of others because he knew who he was. As believers, similar to Paul, we can walk in that same confidence.

Would you consider yourself a confident person? Why or why not?

Do you ever find yourself worrying? What are some things you tend to worry about?

M O V E

Read Acts 16:22-36

Which verse stuck out to you in this passage?

In the midst of chaos all around them, Paul and Silas were able to have peace. They had so many reasons to worry and think that God had forsaken them, yet they prayed and sang hymns. Can you relate? Can you count it all joy when troubles arise? God didn't promise us a life without trials but that he will walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death.

Do you know anyone who has joy when facing trials?

As Ryan mentioned in his sermon, God is not like MapQuest, where if you make a wrong turn, you are lost. He does not leave you when you make decisions that go against his best for you. God is not surprised by your bad decisions and can recalculate and point you in the right direction. When you feel overwhelmed by life or feel like you have made too many wrong turns in your life that you can't get back on track, God's love will surround and lead you where you need to be. Anytime you start worrying, always remember you have an opportunity to trade that worry in for worship!

Is there an area in your life where you need to worry less and pray more?

Take Home Assignment: Turn Your Worry to Worship

What are you currently worried about? Make a list of five things.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

This week take those things you are worried about and use them as an opportunity to worship!

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

- Acts 16:25