

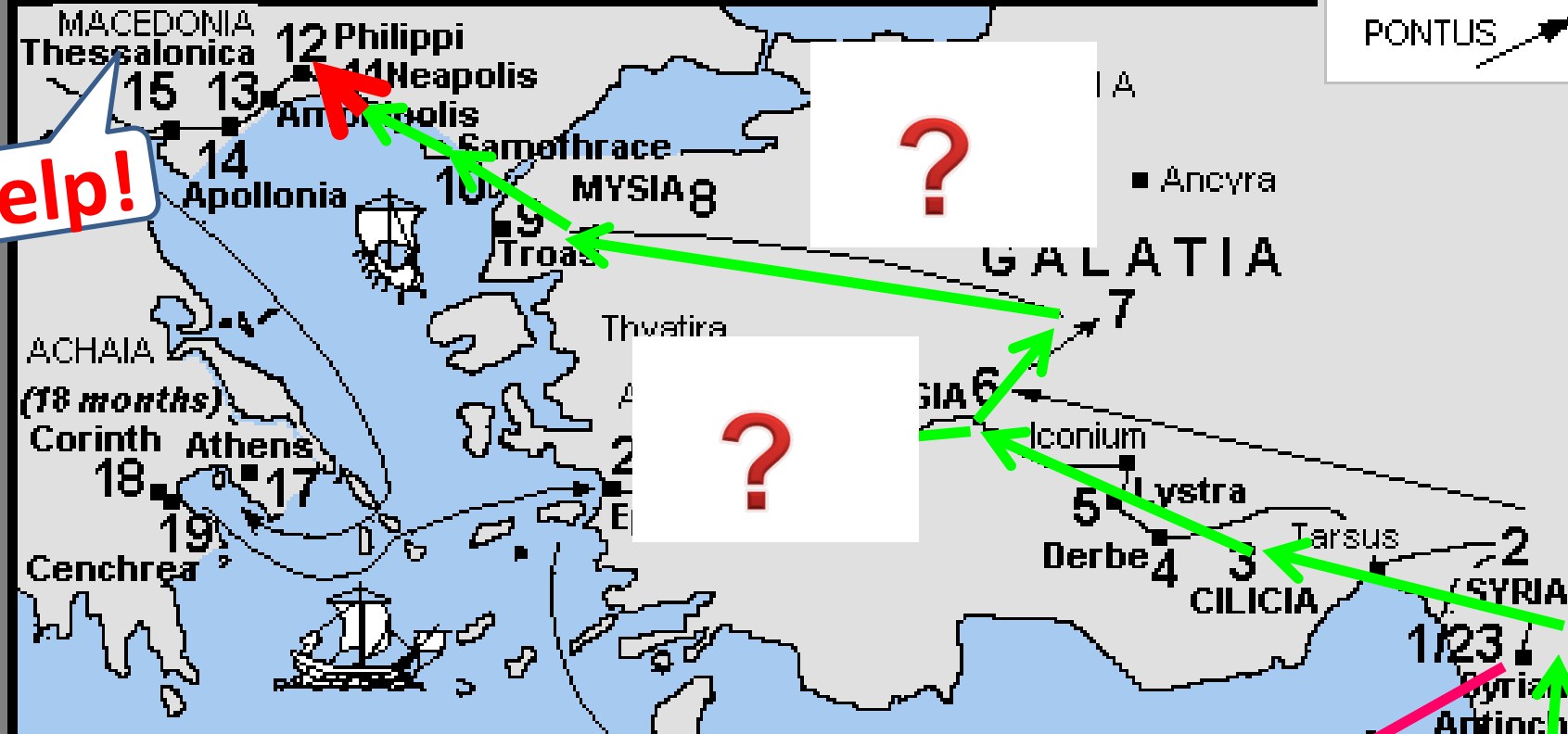
# Children's Worship

children ages 4 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
are invited to go to Children's Worship at this time.

☺ Fun, age-appropriate teaching, and crafts will be  
experienced by all ☺

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**Acts 1:8**                      **Where =**  
**and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem,**  
**and in all Judea and Samaria,**  
**and even to the remotest part of the earth."**

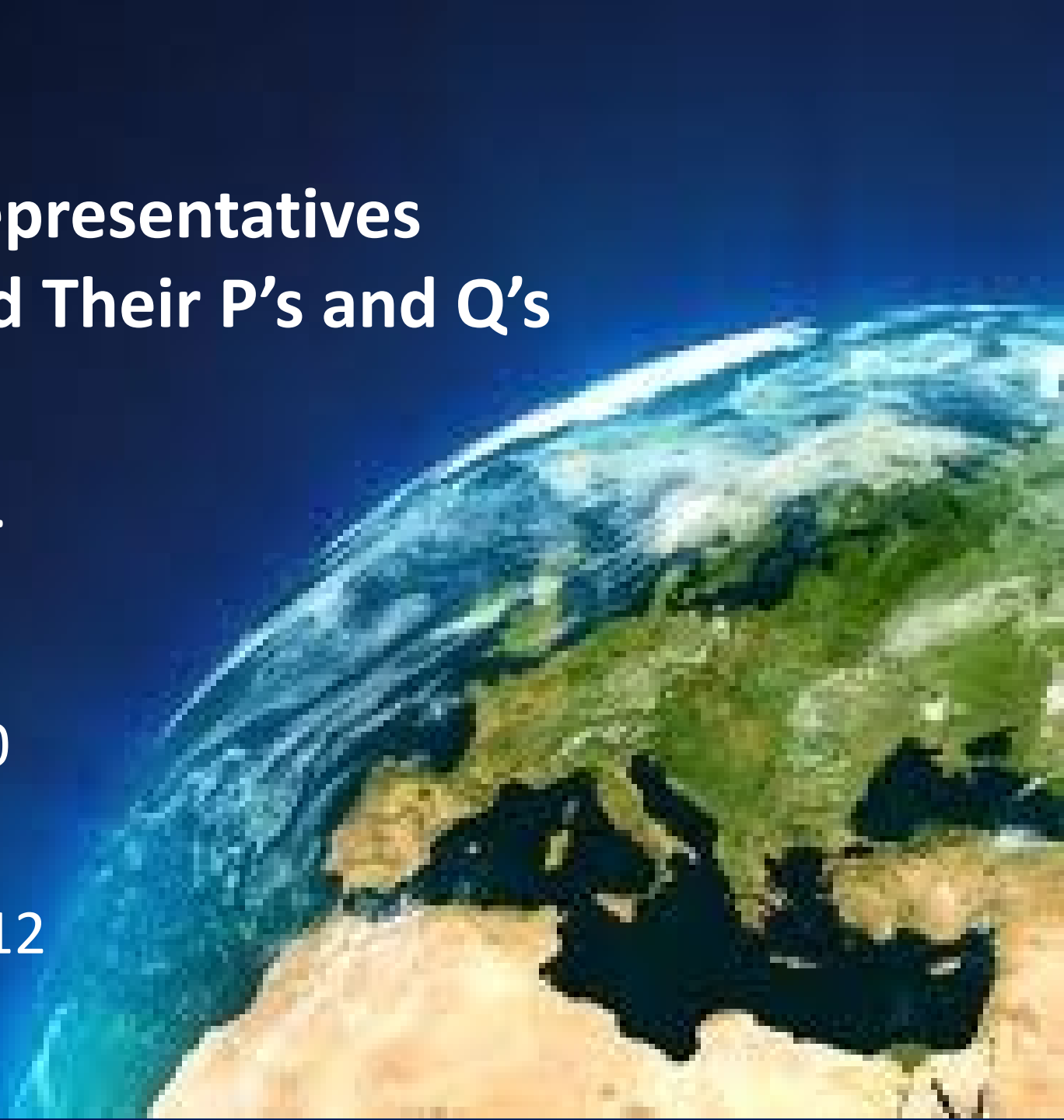


# Jesus' Representatives Need to Mind Their P's and Q's

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Acts 16:16-40

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1) **Proclaim** the good news as faithful witnesses for Christ.

## **Acts 16:16-18**

16 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation."

18 She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.

II) **Persecution**, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ may raise faith questions as you engage in His mission.

### **Acts 16:19-21**

*19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities, 20 and when they had brought them to the chief magistrates, they said, "These men are throwing our city into confusion, being Jews, 21 and are proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans."*

II) Persecution, pain, and prison may raise faith questions as you engage in His mission.

**Acts 16:22-24**

22 The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods. 23 When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; 24 and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

III) Praise and prayer invite God's perspective and power.

### **Acts 16:25-28**

25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

### **Colossians 3:1-3**

1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

III) Praise and prayer invite God's perspective and power.

### Acts 16:25-28

25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

26 and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!"

**III) Praise and prayer invite God's perspective and power.**

### **Philippians 1:19-24**

19 ¶ for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**IV) Preaching, perseverance and praise cause others to ask life changing questions.**

**Acts 16:29-34**

29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

33 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. 34 And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

V) \_\_\_\_\_ endurance provides future opportunities.

### **Acts 16:35-36**

*35 Now when day came, the chief magistrates sent their policemen, saying, "Release those men." 36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The chief magistrates have sent to release you. Therefore come out now and go in peace."*

V) Patient endurance provides future opportunities.

### Acts 16:37-39

37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us in public without trial, men who are Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out."

38 The policemen reported these words to the chief magistrates. They were afraid when they heard that they were Romans,

39 and they came and appealed to them, and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them to leave the city.

**V) Patient endurance provides future opportunities.**

**Acts 16:16-18, 25, 34, 40**

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25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

34 And he [the jailer] brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

40 They went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia, and when they saw the brethren, they encouraged them and departed.

## Applying God's Word to Life

- 1) Have you come to the point of asking the life changing question (v. 30)?
- 2) As you seek to persevere in the faith, what level of importance do you place on
  - a. Praise?
  - b. Prayer?
  - c. Proclaiming the gospel?

**If you would like others to pray with you . . .**

