**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. September 24, 2017**

**The Holy Spirit’s Work In Missions**

**ACTS 16:6-40**

**Key truth:** When we are on mission for Jesus, we will face opposition, be led by His Spirit, and become more like Jesus in the process.

1. The Holy Spirit directs us in missions. (Listen to Him)

 A. Understand that every good idea isn’t a God idea.

2. The Holy Spirit opens hearts to receive the truth of

 the gospel. (Rely upon Him) **Romans 10:14-17**

 A. We are witnesses not saviors.

3. The Holy Spirit empowers us to defeat spiritual

 darkness. (Be clothed in Him) **Ephesians 6:10-20**

 A. Every believer is engaged in spiritual warfare.

 B. We must address the spiritual with the spiritual.

 C. Spiritual warfare can be subtle but still powerful.

4. The Holy Spirit comforts us in suffering.

 (Be content in Him)

 A. As disciples we should display joy and

 thanksgiving despite our circumstances.

 B. Don’t define God by your circumstances; let God

 define your circumstances. **Phil. 4:11-13**

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Following Christ is challenging but it’s worth it.Live everyday in His presence and make the most of gospel conversations.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

To prepare for this week’s meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group.

1. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Paul’s second missionary journey highlights in a unique way the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our mission endeavors.

2.How do you think Paul might have felt after twice being prevented from carrying out his intentions (ACTS 16:6-7)?

3. Have you ever been frustrated by the Holy Spirit’s leading because it seemed to contradict your plans?

4. With what attitude should we face difficulties that come because of our faith?

5. Read John 16:33. How does looking toward the ultimate fulfillment of our salvation help us?

6. Read Ephesians 6:10-20: What is your understanding of spiritual warfare? What is your first response when conflict arises in your life?

7. Who is watching and learning about evangelism from you? How are you a godly example for them?