



## **Open Eyes Look for Open Doors (LIFT UP YOUR EYES 6)**

**Acts 16:19-34**

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### **1) Look for someone who has had an encounter with an authentic Christian. (v. 25)**

**Authentic Christians suffer well.** Are you enduring a season of suffering or hardship? Describe it. Have you ever been mistreated for sharing the gospel? What songs do you sing when you are suffering?

**Authentic Christians realize the prisoners are listening.** Has your response to difficulty usually been complaining or praise?

Missionaries who suffer well often gain the attention of unbelievers. How aware are you of unbelievers who are listening and watching you? What do they see and hear from you when you face difficulty? What does this tell them about your faith in God?

### **2) Look for someone whose foundations are being shaken. (v. 26)**

When everything you have stood on for years begins to be shaken, God is trying to get your attention. How has God used spiritual earthquakes to get your attention?

Who do you know that is going through a spiritual earthquake? Do you see God using this situation to open their heart to the Lord? How could you direct someone to the Lord who is watching their foundations be shaken?

### **3) Look for someone who thinks he is out of options. (v. 27-29)**

Have you ever talked to someone who wanted to kill themselves? What counsel can you give them?

### **4) Look for someone who is asking the right questions. (v. 30)**

A lost person has as much ability to save himself as a corpse has of crawling out of his casket.

Most people think salvation is only about what they do. What would you say to a person who believes salvation depends on something they do?

Other people make the mistake of thinking salvation is only about what God does. Everyone in Scripture who was saved did something in response to what God did. When God begins to do what he does, the human heart begins to ask the question, "What must I do?" You cannot be saved without doing something in response to what God has done. How would you help someone do something to respond to what God has done?

### **5) Look for someone who is willing to trust Jesus as Lord. (31-34)**

How many synonyms can you think of for the word "believe"?

How many synonyms can you think of for the word "Lord"?

What evidence do you see in the jailer's life that he was saved? Is it possible to be saved without any evidence in a person's life that Jesus is Lord?

How do you help someone who says he believes examine whether he believes in Jesus as Lord?



**ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE:**

Matt. 7:21

John 20:31

Romans 5:1

James 2:14

1John 5:10-13