

## **Multiply By Zero**

**Main Scripture:** Acts 16:16-34

**Additional Scriptures:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:16-18, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:24-30, Philippians 4:4,6,11, Luke 6:45, Colossians 3:1-4, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-6, Psalm 118:24, Hebrews 12:2-3

### **Hearing: Discussion Questions**

- **Read Colossians 3:1-2 & 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-6.** What is it that allows a person to delight in the Lord in all situations?
- Pastor Jason said that “we all have our jail cells.” Some of our complaints are even completely justified, especially if you are Paul! Pastor Jason said Biblically, Paul and others chose to focus on God’s reality and that is how they transcended their circumstances.
  - What are some of your regularly visited jail cells of complaining?
  - What can you practically do to get your focus on God’s reality?
- How do you praise and not force it while also ensuring that it isn’t just religious or fake?
- Pastor Jason made the point that some of us think that not saying anything bad is good enough. Do you agree? Why or why not?
  - **Read Luke 6:45.** “Your words expose what you focus on.” It is spiritual anatomy: your tongue is directly connected to your heart. So what does saying nothing say about the position of your heart in the matter?
- Assess the words that you have used this week with your family, at work, and/or at school. If someone were to look at the way you talked this week and what words you used what conclusions could they draw about where your heart is?
- **Read Colossians 3:3-4.** Pastor Jason said that authenticity shouldn’t be an excuse to complain. Does it go against authenticity, as a follower of Jesus, to complain? How do the words we speak play into having our life hidden with Christ in God?
- Pastor Jason showed a huge math problem that at the end was simply multiplied by zero, so it wasn’t even worth worrying about! He talked about the different personalities and how they react to a huge problem that they are facing in life. How do you react when life throws a tough curve ball at you? Do you get overwhelmed? Complain? Dive right in and try to fix it?
  - Share and talk about how to shift that mode of thinking to one of praise.

### **Doing: Application**

- Make a concerted effort to move your focus onto God and your heart to a place of praise so that the overflow comes out of your mouth and permeates the way you talk and the words you use. Hold each other accountable in this endeavor!