**Reset Direction**

February 6, 2022

Acts 16:6-10

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Dear God, as we come into this new year, we are grateful for the opportunity to reset our direction. May we hear the word of the scriptures come alive in our hearts, minds and spirits. May we build each other up and encourage each other. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**BREAKING THE ICE:**

Lift the name of some people who have had a positive spiritual impact on your life. Why did they have such an impact on you?

**WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:**

**Read** Acts 16:6-10.

* What are your thoughts on why God would close a door?
* What do you make on God turning Paul in the exact opposite direction? What does this say to you about faith?
* Where is an open door for your own ministry? For your church? How will you proceed?

For more on resetting direction, read Acts 9:1-15

* What did Saul hope to achieve in Damascus? What did he achieve there?
* How did Saul’s service to God get so off track from God’s plan?
* In what ways did God offer Saul a new direction?

**NEXT STEPS:**

* Have you ever found yourself thinking that you were serving God sincerely, only to discover that your sincerity was misplaced?
* When have you had to move in a new direction that contrasted with long standing habits, behaviors or beliefs?
* Whether or not you’ve made any New Year’s resolutions, how does this week’s scripture or the whole *Reset* series speak to you?

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Gracious God, as we close out our time of study together, we are grateful for the stories shared and the lessons learned. May your Spirit be with us as we go forth committed to remaining connected to you so that we may serve in a way that offers goodness and grace to others. Help us to remain on a path that brings you alone glory. Amen.