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Where does Paul find the first opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ in Macedonia?

On the Sabbath Paul goes to a place of worship. Philippi has no synagogue so Paul goes to a place of moving water because he knows he will meet people there who are looking for the movement of God. During the time of the Babylonian captivity, Jews who were separated from the temple developed the habit of meeting by places of moving water to worship.

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In worship we turn our eyes away from ourselves and focus on the majesty and glory of God. In worship we empty ourselves of self and make room for God to move in our lives. The transformation that takes place as we come together to worship in song, prayer, study, communion, and giving has a powerful impact on both the Christian and the non-Christian as it turns all of our eyes toward God and opens our hearts to His presence.

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Personal reflection...

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Worship is an activity that goes far beyond the times of corporate worship that we share together. The heart and mind of worship should touch every moment of our days. We often associate worship with times of overflowing joy and blessing. Worship can also flow from our hearts during times of great struggle and great difficulty. Worship powerfully reminds us of who God is and who we are in His care.

Read Acts 16:26-34

How does the Philippian jailor respond after obeying the gospel of Christ?

As God moves to protect His servants, His movement prepares the heart of the Philippian jailor to meet Jesus. As the jailor and his family commit their lives to Christ in baptism, overwhelming joy fills their hearts.

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