

**The United Parish of St. Laurence's, Church Stretton**  
**with St. Michael's, All Stretton, and All Saints, Little Stretton**  
**SMALL GROUP NOTES**

*“ Growing together in faith, hope and love; sharing the Good News of Jesus with all.”*

**WINTER 2010**

**Acts 16:16-40**

**PRISON OR FREEDOM?**

**No. 2**

**Welcome/icebreaker** Do you know anyone who has been in prison? Have you ever visited a prison? What was it like?!!

**Worship** Spend some time praising God for the spiritual freedom we have in Christ and for the fact that we have the physical freedom to worship.  
'Amazing grace'; 'And can it be ...'

**Word (verses):**

16 What significance, if any, is there in the fact that Paul & his companions met the slave girl on their way to the place of prayer?

16,17 In what ways is the girl a prisoner?

She used the word 'servants' or 'slaves' of Paul and his friends. What was different about their 'slavery'?

22-25 How do you account for Paul & Silas' reaction to their imprisonment?

What was the response of the other prisoners?

How do we use the situations we find ourselves in to share the Good news?

26-34 What can we learn about becoming a Christian from the jailor's experience?

How do we know that his conversion was genuine?

**Wind/prayer** Pray for Christians who are suffering because of their faith.

**Works/witness** Share the Good News boldly and never be ashamed.

