

## Sermon Discussion Guide:

# War of the Worlds

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Scripture: **Acts 16:16–24**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

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### OVERVIEW

Feeling attacked and threatened from the world leads some professing Christians to a life of isolation. The feeling and experiencing of punishment, ridicule and rejection is too much to bear. Why would a follower of Christ experience worldly pain just by being faithful to Christ? A passive, mediocre Christian life seems more appealing. The Word of God sheds light on this matter: **The consequences of our faithfulness includes the testing of our faith.**

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### CORROBORATING TEXTS

Romans 8:31–39

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The Apostle Paul did not address the slave girl directly, but instead addressed the dark spirit in her. Why do you think this was? What did Paul do by addressing the dark spirit?
2. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ has impacted virtually every facet of the world: from government, to the justice system, to almost every social norm (i.e. stealing is wrong, helping the poor & hungry is right). Why are non-believers opposed to the gospel (or don't believe) when they would agree with many of Jesus teachings and commands?
3. You are speaking to a non-believer that is actively involved in or embracing a specific sin (alcoholism, theft, gambling, etc). As their Christian friend, do you address the specific sin first, or your friend's need for salvation? Why? Does the order in which you address each (sin or salvation) matter?
4. Living the Christian life in as much isolation as possible is believed by many to be easier and wiser. Protection from the world's dark influences and attacks seems like a safer way to live life. Explain why this way of life for a Christ follower is unbiblical. How much is too much isolation? However, how much is too much assimilation?
5. How does the gospel cure our fear of being rejected by the world?