**A Tale of Two Women – Application Questions**

1. How did you allow 1) the priorities of Jesus, 2) a sacrificial love for others, and 3) the presence of the Spirit, to guide your priorities and decision making this week?

2. What are some popular beliefs in our culture regarding the means of salvation? (How do Americans *think* people “get saved”?)

3. Given that the slave girl was speaking the truth – “*these men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation*” – why do you think Paul got irritated at her?

4. Who are the equivalents of Lydia and the slave girl in Denver today? What is the impact of recognizing these parallels?

5. Who/what is the equivalent of the slave girl’s owners today? (Who exploits/enslaves others for personal gain and is not-so-secretly opposed to their freedom and wholeness?) What is the impact of recognizing these parallels?

6. Be honest, even if you can only admit this to yourself: What controls you? What masters, enslaves, and exploits you, stripping you of your dignity and making you less than what God intends for you to be?

7. Be more specific: What, in moments of clarity, can you see that your masters are doing to you? What would those who know you best say these things are doing to you?

8. What is the Gospel’s solution to what you wrote under #6? How are you going to access and activate the Gospel’s solution?

9. What one thing does God most want you to do with this message? How will others

 know you’ve done or are doing this?