

Llanuwchllyn Church, Wales (Union of Welsh Independents) “responding to the context”



THINKING ABOUT:
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WATCH THE VIDEO and as you do ask:

- How does the church community respond to its context and community?
- Where is mission taking place in this story?
- In what ways does the church support people “living life to the full?”



DIGGING DEEPER Read Acts 16:16-34

Acts 16:16-34 recalls the story of Paul and Silas being thrown into jail in Philippi because they set a slave girl from an evil spirit and those who exploited her. Consequently Paul and Silas are thrown into prison where an earthquake shakes the prison, shatters their handcuffs and breaks down the prison door. The jailer is afraid that they have escaped but they use the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the jailer who, along with his family, all come to faith in Christ.

- How do Paul and Silas respond to the context in which they are set?
- What opportunities do they take to share in mission?
- In this miraculous story of coming to faith what is the role of Paul and Silas?



MOVING FORWARDS: So now think about how this could apply in your context

Acts 16 and the story from Llanuwchllyn both recall surprising opportunities for mission – Paul and Silas escaping from prison and the Llanuwchllyn church being surprised at opportunities to engage older people in mission.

- What opportunities are open to your church community in mission? Are there any surprises here?

- Mission has been described as “discovering what God is already doing and joining in” what is God already doing in your place?
- How might you join in with what God is doing?