

A Dramatic Conversion

Acts 16.16-40

1. Not all Publicity is Welcome, vs16-22

- *a distracting hindrance v17*
God's work is often done discretely John 7.2-4
- *false accusations vs20-21*
racial – anti-Semitic
dishonest - untrue
deceptive – no laws broken

2. Conversion:

a process and a crisis, vs 23-34

an unlikely candidate
how did it happen?

(a) contact with Christians vs 23-24

pray for contacts
make new contacts

(b)he saw the difference v25

that Jesus makes

1 Pet 3.15; Phil 2.13-16

(c)an acute sense of need vs26-29

suicidal v27

everyone has needs

(d)there's hope in Jesus! vs30-31

trust him! v31

(e)details explained vs32-34

faith followed understanding

➤ **evidence of conversion vs33-34**

compassion

cleansing

hospitality

joy

3. The Church is for all sorts