



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

Are you free?

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the seventh fundament: houses.

We recommend you to read the book of Acts while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:

7.01 Reaching

This program:

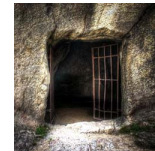
7.02 Jailer

Next program:

7.03 Lord's Supper

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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1a. The next few questions are about Acts 16:11–18, where it says:

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.

She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

Philippi was a city in Macedonia. It now is part of Greece. To go there, Paul and his company had to cross a sea. What is the name of the country they came from?

(answer) It has several names. The other team needs to name only one:
Asia Minor, Anatolia or Turkey.

2a. What is Paul doing in Philippi?

(answer) Preaching (explaining) the gospel.

3a. What does the word "apostle" mean?

(answer) An apostle is someone who carries a message on behalf of someone else. He is sent by that person.

(comment) In Greek, "apostle" literally means "the one who is sent" or "messenger".

4a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)



As they were walking through the streets, Paul's team was constantly followed by a female slave. She brought in a lot of money for her owners. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read how she earned her money. The other team will try and guess the answer.

(answer) Fortune-telling.

5a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)



The evil spirit in this girl kept on doing this for several days. The slave followed Paul's team all around, and she shouted after them. Finally, Paul had had enough and he spoke to the demon (the evil spirit). Someone from the team asking the question will describe which two things Paul did towards the demon, without being allowed to name these words. The other team will try and guess these "forbidden words".

(answer) Rebuking and ordering (to leave the slave).



6a. The evil spirit avenged himself and stirred up the local people to turn against Paul and Silas because this female slave could no longer tell fortune. What did this lead to?

(answer) Paul and Silas were arrested.

7a. Paul and Silas had to be put away securely in the best guarded prison cell. What was the first thing they did that night to recover?

(answer) They sang songs of worship.

8a. Who could hear their singing?

(answer) The other prisoners, King Jesus, and perhaps also the jailer, who lived next to the prison with his family.

9a. Why do you think the prisoners had stayed inside?

(answer) The walls had collapsed, but the prisoners were still chained.

10a. Paul shouted: "Don't harm yourself! We are all still here in this darkness!" What was the jailer's response?

(answer) He came with lights to check whether the prisoners were really still all there. When that turned out to be the case, he fell down on his knees before Paul and asked him what had happened.

11a. The family had almost been through a situation where the father of the family committed suicide. Fortunately, this didn't happen. Instead, they heard the gospel. They loved it! What did the family members there immediately do?

(answer) They believed in King Jesus and were all baptized.

12a. That night, the family of the jailer started a church in their house. From now on, they were a house church. Do we know how they were doing some time later? Please explain.

(answer) Yes, we do. Paul sends a letter to this family church. We know this letter as the Bible book of Philippians.



1b. The Book of Acts was written by Luke, a medical doctor. What is this book about?
(answer) The acts of the apostles. These are the followers of King Jesus who spread the gospel after the ascension, and who laid the foundation for the Biblical faith in King Jesus.

2b. Who was Paul's traveling companion?
(answer) Silas.

3b. Where did this outreach team start their evangelistic activities?
(answer) In a park by the river, where the people gathered to discuss faith.

4b. The girl knew who Paul and his team were, because the evil spirit possessing her, had made it clear to her. What did she call them?
(answer) Servants of the Most High God.

5b. The story continues in Acts 16:19–34:

When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

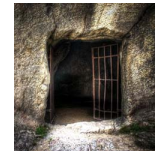
The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

What was the consequence of Paul's act for the female slave?

(answer) Right away, her fortune-telling abilities were gone, and because of that she was no longer a source of revenue for her owners.

6b. The rulers unfairly convicted Paul and Silas for causing uproar and for stealing bread. Which punishment did they receive?
(answer) Public torture and imprisonment.



7b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)
Someone from the team asking the question will draw the circumstances in which Paul and Silas were in prison. The other team will try and guess all three points.

(answer) The other team needs to name all three of these:

1. They were in the inner cell.
2. It was dark there.
3. Their feet were fastened in stocks (a scaffold).

8b. We can read that the walls collapsed due to an earthquake or severe trembling. Was that a coincidence? Please explain.

(answer) There are several reasons to assume that the earthquake wasn't a coincidence. Each of these reasons is a good answer. The other team will only have to name one of them:

- Whenever the Bible describes earthquakes, they are with a reason and are always caused by God the Father.
- It happened while Paul and Silas were worshipping God the Father.
- God the Father clearly had a different plan for Paul and Silas than to be in prison. We also read about that in the subsequent verses.



9b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)
In ancient times, whenever a jailer let his prisoners escape, he received the death penalty. The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what the jailer wanted to do, to be one step ahead of this. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) Take his own life with a sword.

10b. After Paul prevented the jailer to kill himself, the jailer invited Paul and Silas into his home. He cared for the wounds on their back, that they had suffered during the torture. Then he gave them to eat, asked who they were, and what they were doing here. What did Paul tell them?

(answer) That night, he told the jailer's whole family the gospel of King Jesus.

11b. What goal did Paul and Silas have for their travel, which they have also achieved with the jailer of Philippi?

(answer) They looked for opportunities to tell others about the gospel.

12b. That night, God the Father has freed Paul and Silas from prison, but He also freed the jailer who lived in fear and whose life was on the line. Now he was free, and was celebrating. Are you sure you are safe? Or do you live in fear? At the heart of this story from the Bible about the jailer lies the message that whoever you are or whatever you do, King Jesus wants to save you and your family right away, in order for Him to start and build a church at your home, so you can also tell others about the gospel.

Are there people among you who are not yet converted, who have not yet been baptized, or who do not have a church at home?

Pray for each other that you will all be free. Repent and be baptized now.