

## **Bible Study for May 16-22, 2022**

**Read:** Acts 16:6-15

### **Notes:**

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

Have you ever had clothing specially made for you? In your mind, how does it compare to “store bought”?

Note the change from “they” (vs 7-8) to “we” (vs 10-12). What does this tell you about the author?

In vs 7 Paul seems to come upon a “closed door” in his plans? Does that ever happen to you? How did this wind up being pivotal for Paul?

Why might Paul expect to find people worshipping by a river in vs 13? What does this tell you about the Jewish community in Philippi? How might this affect Paul’s strategy for mission?

What do you make of Lydia’s career and conversion?

How did the Lord open your heart to respond to the gospel? What was your “aha!” moment? What people did God use as part of that process?

What doors do you feel have been closed to you at this time in your life? What might you do about it?