

Courage to witness to all

Acts 16:11- 40

Paul and his team move into Europe 16: 11 -12

- The journey continues. Island hopping to Neapolis then Philippi
- A Roman colony and leading city of the district
- God guides Paul, Discernment and strategy combine

The Gospel has immediate success 16: 13 – 15

- A place of prayer and a group of women
- Lydia – a business woman from Thyatira in the province of Asia!
- A worshipper of God with a heart ready to trust in Jesus.
- Paul and his team have a place to stay, after months on the road.

The Gospel causes a stir 16: 16 - 24

- An unusual helper for Paul and Silas
- Paul troubled acts and a slave girl is set free
- Paul and Silas taken to court. “They are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise”
- Paul and Silas, Stripped, Beaten, severely flogged and put in the stocks.

What must I do to be saved? 16: 25 - 40

- Prison sounds – rarely do they include singing and prayer!
- A miraculous intervention – Earthquake
- “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household”
- The jailer set a meal before them – They still had the bruises from their beating.

Digging Deeper

1. What barriers did Paul and Silas cross to share the gospel with the people he found in Philippi?
2. These were God made opportunities – how do we know when God made opportunities are made for us?
3. What stops us from seeing the opportunities God creates for us?
4. What was it that troubled Paul about the slave girl in Philippi?
5. Are there areas of discouragement in your life? How do you respond to that?
6. Where do you feel least likely to make an impact for the gospel? What would God need to do in you and in that situation to change things?