

Sunday August, 1st, 2021
This Mission to Macedonia
Acts 16:11-40

Digging Deeper

Read Acts 16:11-40.

1. What is significant about the call to Macedonia based on the pattern of the spread of the gospel to this point? Why was Philippi an important city?
2. It was Paul's usual custom to begin preaching at the local synagogue. Why doesn't he do that in Philippi? Why did they go out of the city on the Sabbath?
3. Who was Lydia? How does she figure into the events at Philippi?
4. What spiritual, social, and religious attacks do the missionaries meet in Philippi(vv. 16-24)?
5. What is the scene in the prison just before and just after the earthquake (vv. 25-28)?
6. What radical changes come over the jailer because of "the word of the Lord" (vv. 29-34)?
7. How does Paul's insistence on his and Silas's Roman citizenship help protect the new believers in Philippi?

As you go ...

1. Lydia opened her home to the missionaries (v. 15). How can your home become a place of ministry?
2. How do we know the proper time to ignore ministry annoyances and when it is time to confront them?
3. How can we maintain our public witness for Christ in difficult circumstances?
4. When and how is it appropriate for Christians to use their civic rights or status today in ministry?
5. Why do we tend to make salvation more difficult than what it is?

Pray

Consider new territories (whether physical or spiritual or both) where the Holy Spirit may be calling you to venture. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and courage to follow the Spirit's leading. Pray that you will be equipped physically and spiritually.