

Acts 16

Questions

1. Where did Paul go with Silas after Syria and Cilicia and who did they find there (16:1-2)?
2. What did Paul do to Timothy and why (16:3)?
3. What did Paul and Silas deliver and what resulted among the churches (16:4-5)?
4. Where were Paul, Silas, and Timothy forbidden to go (16:6-7) and where were they invited to go (16:8-10)?
5. What was the city of Philippi (16:11-12)?
6. Who was Lydia and how was she converted to the Lord (16:13-15)?
7. What did a certain maid in Philippi have and what did Paul do for her (16:16-18)?
8. What happened to Paul and Silas and why (16:19-24)?
9. What were Paul and Silas doing in prison and what happened while they were there (16:25-28)?
10. What did the jailor do to be converted to the Lord (16:29-34).

11. What were the circumstances surrounding the departure of Paul and Silas from Philippi (16:35-39)?

12. What did Paul and Silas do before they left Philippi (16:40)?

Digging Deeper

1. Where are the following places located: Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, Phrygia, Galatia, Asia, Mysia, Bithynia, Troas, Macedonia, Samothrace, and Neapolis, and Philippi (16:1-12)?

2. Why did Paul circumcise Timothy in Acts 16:3, but not Titus in Galatians 2:3-5?

3. Are the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Jesus (see versions other than the KJV) the same person or two different persons (16:6-7)?

4. Who joined Paul, Silas, and Timothy in Acts 16:10 (note the “we” in this verse)?

5. What does “one that worshipped God” tell us about Lydia and how did the Lord open her heart (16:14)?

6. What connection is there between “a spirit of divination” and Greek mythology and what is the practice of soothsaying, or fortune-telling (16:16)?

7. Where in the book of 1 Thessalonians does Paul refer to his mistreatment at Philippi (16:19-24)?

Applications for Today

1. Young Christians should live in a good way so that they are “well reported of by the brethren” (16:3; 2 Tim. 4:12).
2. Local churches today can still be strengthened in the faith and increase in number daily if each of its members will zealously do the Lord’s work (16:5; Eph. 4:13-16).
3. When you are forbidden by God (in the scriptures) to do something, don’t do it (16:6-7; Deut. 4:23).
4. The greatest “help” you can offer a person is to give that person the saving gospel (16:9-10; Heb. 2:16).
5. Sometimes God implies things in his word (speaks indirectly) and he expects us to necessarily infer (conclude) what he implied (16:10; Acts 10:28, 34; 11:18).
6. Hearing the gospel, believing it, and being baptized are necessary for salvation (16:13-15, 30-34; Mk. 16:15-16).
7. A person with an open heart will obey God’s word (16:14; Lk. 8:15).
8. Hospitality is a much needed, but often neglected, practice today in the church today (16:15, 34; 1 Pet. 4:9).
9. We need to be “servants of the Most High God” (16:17; Dan. 3:26).
10. The world feels troubled when Christians preach and practice the truth (16:20; Jn. 15:18-20).
11. Pray and sing hymns when you are in difficult circumstances (16:25; Jas. 5:13).
12. Asking what to do to be saved is one of the greatest questions you will ever ask (16:30-32; Mt. 19:16).
13. Be immediate about your conversion and don’t put it off (16:33; 2 Cor. 6:2).
14. Even Christians who have been persecuted can comfort other Christians (16:40; 2 Cor. 1:3-7; 1 Thess. 3:1-10).