

Philippi
Lesson #2
Acts 16:11-40

Directed by the Holy Spirit through a vision, Paul, Silas and Timothy set sail from the city of Troas to the region of Macedonia.

Lydia - Acts 16:11-15

1. *"They sailed straight for Samothrace and the next day on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi."* What information is given about Philippi? (Acts 16:12)
2. They stayed in Philippi for several days. When it was the Sabbath, where did they go and why? (Acts 16:13a)
3. Whom did they find there? (Acts 16:13b)
4. What did Luke say about Lydia? (Acts 16:14)
5. Lydia believed the message brought by Paul. As a new follower of Jesus, what did she do while still at the river? (Acts 16:15a)
6. Lydia then extended hospitality to the missionary team by inviting them to her home. What details did Luke add regarding this invitation? (Acts 16:15b, c)
7. From the text, what insight can you gain about the city of Philippi? (See also Acts 13:14)
8. What was the role of each person below regarding the gospel message?
 - Paul
 - The Lord

- Lydia

The Prison Experience – Acts 16:16-40

9. The background from Acts 16:16:

- When did this take place?
- Who did they meet?
- Why was her “skill” viewed as important?

10. “*This girl followed Paul and the rest of us...*” What did Luke say she was doing while following them? (Acts 16:17)

11. How long did Luke say that she kept this up? (Acts 16:18a)

12. This troubled Paul so much that he finally turned around and took action. Look closely at the rest of verse 18.

- To whom did Paul speak?
- In whose authority did Paul speak?
- What was the command?
- What was the result?

The Problem – Acts 16:19-40

13. One would think this brought great joy, for a young girl trapped in bondage was now free. But not everyone saw this as a blessing. What happened next? (Acts 16:19)

14. What was their reason for acting in such a manner? (Acts 16:19a)
15. When they presented their case to the magistrates, what charges did they bring?
 - Acts 16:20
 - Acts 16:21
16. When the crowd joined in, how did the magistrate handle the situation?
 - Acts 16:22
 - Acts 16:23
 - Acts 16:24
17. Imagine the pain and humility Paul and Silas had suffered. Rather than passing out from pain, what did Luke say they were doing at midnight? (Acts 16:25a)
18. Apparently they were not alone in the prison. What were the other prisoners doing? (Acts 16:25b)
19. Sometime after midnight, a violent earthquake hit the area. How did it affect the prison? (Acts 16:26)
20. The only one asleep appears to have been the jailer who was on guard duty. He woke up and when he saw the situation, what was his immediate reaction? (Acts 16:27)
21. What stopped him? (Acts 16:28)
22. *"Calling for lights, the jailer fell trembling before Paul and Silas."* After bringing them out of the prison, what did the jailer ask them? (Acts 16:30)

23. What was Paul and Silas' ready response to that question? (Acts 16:31)
24. Luke tells his readers that when the jailer released Paul and Silas out of prison he took them to his home. What events did Luke highlight during that night? (Acts 16:32-34a)
25. This had been a night of emotional extremes but when dawn broke the sky, the jailer was *"filled with joy."* Why was he so joyful? (Acts 16:34b)
26. When it was full daylight, the jailer received word from the magistrates to *"release those men."* The jailer brought the news to Paul and Silas and added his own, *"Now you can leave. Go in peace."* But Paul was not about to leave Philippi in disgrace. What shocking news did he give to the officer? (Acts 16:37, 38)
27. They (meaning the magistrates) came to Paul and Silas. Using 16:39:
- Why did Luke say they had come?
 - What did they do?
28. Before they left Philippi, where did Paul and Silas go and why? (Acts 16:40)