



Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some key questions to get you started.

Reflection Questions:

- What questions and comments did you have about the sermon and supporting texts?
- Some terms which get used around this passage:
 - Contextualization is engaging the context with the gospel.
 - Pragmatism is engaging context with whatever works.
 - Accommodation is aligning power in the context resulting in a minimization of identity.
 - Incarnation is entering the context willingly giving up power for the sake of the other's identity.
- How do we speak and live the gospel (good news) of Jesus in a way that is life affirming and sets people free from bondage when the context is an unawareness of who Jesus is?

Read Acts 16:1-10

- Trace these moves on a map to see how unusual a route this is.
- On the basis of this and other passages in Acts, what are some of the possible ways that the Holy Spirit may have been guiding them away from these provinces?
- What does this incident tell us about how God will guide us?
- Paul has a dream of a man of Macedonia calling him to come preach there. What does this teach us?

Read Acts 16:11-15

- What are we told about Lydia?
- How did she come to faith?
- What are some signs that she became a true follower of Jesus?

Read Acts 16:16-19

- Compare the ministry to Lydia to that of Paul to the slave girl.
- Do you think she became a follower of Jesus?

Read Acts 16:19-40

- What led the jailer to believe?
- Compare his pre-Christian spiritual condition with that of Lydia and the slave girl.
- How does Paul lead him to Christ?
- Why does Paul insist on a public apology **v37**?
- There were probably more than 3 converts in Philippi. Why do you think Luke chose such different people to profile for us?

