

Study Guide on Acts 16:1-15

English Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Acts 16:1-15

(Acts 16:1) Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.

(Acts 16:2) He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

(Acts 16:3) Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

(Acts 16:4) As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

(Acts 16:5) So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

(Acts 16:6) And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

(Acts 16:7) And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

(Acts 16:8) So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

(Acts 16:9) And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

(Acts 16:10) And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

(Acts 16:11) So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,

(Acts 16:12) and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.

(Acts 16:13) And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

(Acts 16:14) One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

(Acts 16:15) And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?