

Study Guide on Acts 16:1-15

New International 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 to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek.

(Acts 16:2) The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.

(Acts 16:3) Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

(Acts 16:4) As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey.

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

(Acts 16:6) Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia.

(Acts 16:7) When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

(Acts 16:8) So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

(Acts 16:9) During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

(Acts 16:10) After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

(Acts 16:11) From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis.

(Acts 16:12) From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

(Acts 16:13) On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

(Acts 16:14) One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

(Acts 16:15) When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded 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?