



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series: You will be witnesses

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The Gospel saves & draws persecution

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. **15** When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. (Acts 16:14-15)

1. The Lord opened Lydias heart to the gospel (Acts 16:1-15)

2. A fortune teller, Paul and Silas and a jailor are set free (Acts 16:16-40)

A. Examining the texts.

1. **Read Acts 16:11-15.** Where was Paul and what events lead him to sharing the Gospel with Lydia? How was Lydia saved?
2. Read Acts 16:16-18. As Paul and Silas moved about the city, who did they encounter? What was wrong with her and what was she saying about them? How was she delivered?
3. Read Acts 16:19-24. What happened to Paul and Silas in these verses? What was the motive of those that stirred up trouble for them?
4. Read Acts 16:25-34. What did Paul and Silas do in prison and what happened next? Why do you think that the jailor was prompted to try and kill himself? What happened instead?

B. Meditation & application

5. Marcus mentioned that there was some subjective revelation at play in Paul and Silas coming to Macedonia. Do you think that this kind of subjective revelation still happens when people try and share their faith? Why or why not?
6. How does this passage encourage you about the power of the gospel?
7. Do you think that persecution and evangelism go hand in hand? What should we do if someone mocks our faith?
8. How can we combat the powers of darkness as we share our faith? Do you think people still can be afflicted by demons? If so- how should we respond when we suspect such things?

Prayer: Heavenly Father. Help us to believe in the power of God to save through the gospel. Help us to pray for people to come to Christ and look for opportunities to give a reason for the hope that we have. In Jesus Name. Amen