

**Life Together Group Questions**  
**November 1, 2015**  
**Acts 16:6-15**

1. Read vss. 6-8 and look at a map of Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey if your Bible has one. If you were Paul and his crew what might you have strategized as your next move out of Galatia and Phrygia?
2. What do you think that Paul & all experienced in being kept from going into Asia or Bithynia by the Holy Spirit? (5:12) Why was this necessary?
3. Are you a person that likes to make a plan and stick with it? How do we hold our plans loosely before the Lord? (see James 4:13-16)
4. Has there ever been a time where it seems like the Lord is calling you to do something or to not do something and it did not logically add up at the time? How did you discern it was the Lord speaking to you? How did you decide what to do? In hindsight what do you think was going on?
5. How do you view Proverbs 3:5-6 in moments like these?
6. Have you ever had an experience where God is changing your direction in life? (vss. 9-10) How did God speak to you about that direction change?
7. What was the Lord's purpose in sending Paul & Crew to Macedonia instead of Asia Minor? (vss.9-14)
8. Is there any significance in the fact that there are only women who come to worship God at the river?
9. Lydia was from Thyatira in Asia. Is there any significance in Paul & All meeting her in Philippi?
10. In vs. 14 it says that the Lord opened Lydia's heart to respond to Paul's message? What does that teach us about our need for the help of the Holy Spirit in responding to Christ? (John 6:44; 1 Cor. 2:10-14)
11. What is your experience of God opening your heart to Christ and His word?
12. Paul & Co were 900 miles from their sending church in Antioch, Syria, and 500 plus miles from the nearest church in Antioch, Pisida. What does Lydia's hospitality teach us about God's provision? Have you ever experienced God providing like this? How does it affect how you trust the Lord to provide in the everyday? Have you ever been in a place to be the Lord's provision?
13. What does this say about the gift of hospitality? (see Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2)
14. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
15. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
16. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
17. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

**SERMON OUTLINE:**

- Divine Redirection (vss.6-10)
- Divine Regeneration (vss.11-14)
- Divine Provision (vs.15)