

*“Journeys With Paul”
Lesson Five: In Philippi*

Read Acts 15:36 – 16:40

Understanding the Text

1. What is the “mission” of the “Second Missionary Journey”?
2. What controversy arises between Paul and Barnabas and how is this controversy resolved?
3. Chronicle the significant events that take place between the departure from Antioch of Syria and the arrival in Philippi.
4. Where is Philippi and what do we know about this city?
5. Who is Lydia and what happens to her?
6. Explain the phrase “the Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.” (N.I.V.)
7. Describe the slave girl in Philippi. Why do you think Paul is so “troubled” by what she is saying?
8. What is the complaint of the slave girl’s owners and how are Paul and Silas punished for this complaint?

9. How do Paul and Silas respond to their punishment and how does God respond to Paul and Silas?
10. What causes the jailer at Philippi to ask “What must I do to be saved?”
11. What evidence is there that Paul and Silas explain the fundamentals of the gospel to the jailer at Philippi?
12. How does the experience in Philippi end? Why does Paul press the issue of their mistreatment in Philippi, rather than going away quietly?

Applying the Text

- What should we learn about Christianity from the “sharp disagreement” (N.I.V.) that arose between Paul and Barnabas?
- What is the significance of the relationship between Timothy and Paul?
- Luke devotes a lot of time to the story of the jailer at Philippi. What important lessons does this story provide for us?
- What advice do we receive about evangelism based on the events at Philippi?