

Conversion Of Lydia

S.R. Act 16:11-15

Intro. This story begins in Act.16:6, where Paul had been prevented from going into Bithynia because the Holy Spirit had closed the door. The mission now turned to Macedonia and a pagan culture that was deeply entrenched in most people's lives. We would look at this and say it is hopeless, but God was in control.

What can we learn?

1. **God tells us when & where to go!** Act.16:9-10
2. **God knew the spiritual condition of those people.** Act.16:9
3. **Paul did nothing until he came to Philippi.** Act.16:12
4. **On the Sabbath he sought a place of prayer.** Act.16:13
5. **Paul spoke & Lydia was listening.** Act.16:14
6. **She was a worshiper of God.** Act.16:14
7. **The *Lord* opened her heart.** Act.16:14, Luk.24:45
8. **To respond to Paul's message.** Act.16:14, 2:37-38
9. **When baptized invited Paul home.** Act.16:15
10. **If you consider me a believer.** Act.16:15

Lydia became the first convert in Europe and her reputation as a God fearing woman who responded to the gospel call and showed her gratitude by extending hospitality to the messenger, lives on today.

The main lesson for us all, is that God is in control and He will open or close any door He wants to; but when he opens we MUST go, trusting His guidance and timing!

**The question for us all - ARE YOU READY TO SERVE HIM
WHENEVER HE CALLS? SOME ONE MAY BE READY TO HEAR!**