

Note: From Antioch in Galatia, Paul intends to go northeast into Asia, but is forbidden by the Holy Spirit. So, he moves northwest into Greece. He spends his second missionary journey with his new partners, Silas and Timothy. They traveled together for three years and walked about 3000 miles. (See Map)

1. In Lystra, Paul and Silas add Timothy to their ministry team. Name at least five things we learn about Timothy. (Acts 16:1-3)
2. Although the Council of Jerusalem said Gentiles did not require circumcision, what reasons did Paul have to insist that Timothy be circumcised, if he was going to accompany Paul? (Acts 16:3)

Note: Philippi was a colony of retired army veterans in the Roman province of Macedonia (northern Greece). About eight miles inland from the Aegean Sea, the city was named after Philip II of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great. Few Jews settled in Philippi in the New Testament period, and it apparently had no synagogue, only a “place of prayer” where pious women gathered on the Sabbath. According to Jewish tradition, a synagogue could not be built unless ten or more men lived in the area. The narrative also changes in verse 10 when Luke, the author of Acts, includes himself among Paul’s companions, as an eyewitness of what he reports.

3. While the missionaries were praying at the river, they met some women.
 - a. Describe the encounter Paul and his companions had with Lydia. (Acts 16:13-14)
 - b. Do you think she and her family were converted that day? (Acts 16:15)
4. Women played an important role in evangelizing in the early Church. Who was Lydia, and how did she assist Paul in sharing the Good News of Christ? (Acts 16:11-16)
5. *Reflection*: Paul drove the demon out of the slave girl fortune teller because he was “annoyed.” Have you ever done something good because you had been annoyed?
6. Why were Paul and Silas thrown into prison? (Acts 16:19-23)
7. Describe the actions and events of Paul and Silas while imprisoned. (Acts 16:24-26)
8. When the jailer saw that the prison doors were open and thought the prisoners had escaped:
 - a. Why do you think he wanted to kill himself? (Acts 16:27)
 - b. Who prevented the jailer from killing himself? (Acts 16:28)
 - c. What was the jailer’s response? (Acts 16:29-32)
 - d. What did he do with Paul and Silas? (Acts 16:33-34)
9. Why would Paul emphasize that he was a Roman citizen? (Acts 16:35-37)
10. What was the reaction of the magistrates when they learned that Paul was a Roman citizen? (Acts 16:38-39)