

## Philippians - A Church Planting Lesson

*Scripture Reference: Acts 16*

**I. Important Background:** On his \_\_\_\_\_ Missionary trip, Paul crossed the Aegean Sea to bring the Gospel to Macedonia in about \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The city of Philippi was named after \_\_\_\_\_ of Macedon, who conquered the region in 356 B.C. He recognized the immense strategic and economic value of the lucrative \_\_\_\_\_ mines in nearby Mt. Pangaion. The enormous wealth generated from these captured mines provided the \_\_\_\_\_ for King Philip's military campaigns, and lay the financial foundation for the conquests of his son, \_\_\_\_\_. With great humility, Philip renamed the main city of the area after \_\_\_\_\_.

2. About \_\_\_\_\_ later Paul wrote this very practical letter to his beloved Philippian church family. Philippians is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ (along with Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon) ... written by Paul during his first imprisonment at Rome. (60-62 A.D.)

## II. Events that launched the first Church in Europe.

LESSON: JESUS said, "Look for the \_\_\_\_\_." Luke 10:2-12

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Call. Acts 16:-6-10

A. Paul was determined to go \_\_\_\_\_ with the Gospel. But twice the Holy Spirit told him \_\_\_\_\_. V.6-7

B. While staying at \_\_\_\_\_, Paul received a vision at night of a man from Macedonia urging him to, " \_\_\_\_\_ over to Macedonia and help us." V.8-9

C. LESSON: God is \_\_\_\_\_ to you. Are you listening?

2. The Conversion of \_\_\_\_\_. V. 11-15 (Watch how the Holy Spirit works)

A. After being in Philippi for several days, Paul and Silas looked for people who would be \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel. They heard there was a handful of Jewish people who would go on the Sabbath and pray beside the \_\_\_\_\_. V.13

B. Our young heroes sat down and spoke to the women there.

LESSON: Followers of JESUS have to \_\_\_\_\_ conversations with people.

C. LESSON: The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel.

**3. The Freedom found by a \_\_\_\_\_ . V.16-18**

A. A trafficked girl started following Paul and Silas, who had a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.

She made the cruel men who abused her a lot of \_\_\_\_\_. **V.16**

B. She shouted religious sounding, \_\_\_\_\_, that after days of this, Paul had enough of it. **LESSON:** Do not dabble in anything involving the \_\_\_\_\_. It is very dangerous. **V.17**

C. **LESSON:** Paul took \_\_\_\_\_ over the demonic spirit in the Name of JESUS, and it left the girl immediately. **V.18, Luke 10:19**

**4. Paul and Silas's \_\_\_\_\_ and beatings. V. 19-24**

A. Because the slave girl's traffickers \_\_\_\_\_ their source of income, they were angry and \_\_\_\_\_ accused Paul and Silas of breaking the laws of the Empire. **V.19-21**

B. The mob in the street were \_\_\_\_\_ to attack Paul and Silas. The magistrates ripped their clothes off them, and then they were \_\_\_\_\_ with rods. **V.22**

C. The battered young missionaries were locked deep in the city prison with their feet fastened tightly in \_\_\_\_\_. **V.23-24** **LESSON:** Serving JESUS by ministering to people is not always \_\_\_\_\_; but it is always \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Philippian jailer and his family. V.25-40**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ completely changed a really bad atmosphere. **V.25** **LESSON:** It \_\_\_\_\_ does.

B. A supernatural earthquake \_\_\_\_\_ the prison, opened the cells, and caused each person's bonds to be unfastened. **V.26**

C. Instead of taking his life, this hardened prison officer, experienced the supernatural presence of GOD, and asked, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?" **V.27-30**

D. He and his entire family \_\_\_\_\_ and were baptized. **V.33**

**LESSON:** When people \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS, their lives are changed forever.

