



Lydia

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone Answer: You might have to think a second on this one... when do you first remember hearing about Jesus?
 - Did you believe when you first heard or did faith come later?
 - If you can remember, how long was it from the first time you heard about Jesus to when you made a decision to follow Him?
 - What was it that convinced you about the reality of Christ?
- Read Acts 16:11-15
 - What are some things that stand out to you in this story?
 - Have you ever put together that Philippi is in Europe?
 - Use your phone to search up a map of Paul's missionary journey.
 - What do you think would have been some major challenges for Paul and his fellow missionaries to cover such distances?
 - What, if any, do you think would have been controversial about Paul travelling outside to lands that are outside of Jewish influence?
- Why do you think they had to go outside of the city gates to find a "place of prayer"?
 - A minimum of 10 Jewish men were required to establish a synagogue (a Jewish place of prayer). What does it tell you that Paul and his companions only find women there?
 - Discuss the context of the day regarding the stature of women. What is profound to you about the fact that Paul begins the planting of the Philippian church with Lydia?
 - How does these verses inform you of God's desire of the role of women in the church?
- Lydia's home becomes the first "House Church" in Europe!
 - How available have you made your household to the work of the Lord?
 - Brainstorm some practical ways that you can use your household for the work of Jesus?
 - Pray