

Family



Week 4: Family Deployed

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

CONNECT

- What's something a parent modeled for you that you've taken up as an adult?
- Growing up, did you parents ever talk about a vision for your family? What was it, or if it wasn't articulated, what do you think it may've been?
- What comes to mind when you hear the word "legacy"?

INTRODUCTION

In this final discussion on the topic of family, we're going to look at a story of two families from the book of Acts. The families are drastically different, but they both became part of something bigger than themselves. Lydia's house became the first gathering place for the Philippian church, and the Philippian church becomes a devoted partner in the expansion of the gospel. Their stories show us the opportunity available to our families today—both spiritual and natural. Their stories point us to what it means to build and leave a godly legacy.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Acts 16:11-15,25-34

- What differences do you see between Lydia's household and the jailer's? What similarities do you see in their stories?
- What was the impact of salvation on the jailer and his household?

Read: Philippians 1:3-5

After their salvation, both households and the rest of the Philippian church followed Paul's missionary efforts closely and, we learn from Acts and Philippians, contributed to his needs so the expansion of the gospel ministry could extend. What do you think motivated their partnership?

APPLICATION

- What have you learned from this passage, and how can you apply it to your life?
- How does the Philippians' example shape the way you think about gospel partnership?
- Both Lydia and the jailer used their houses as places for ministry. How might you use your house for a place of ministry?
- What gets in the way of you seeking to build a godly legacy? How does the gospel empower you to overcome those barriers?

PRAYER

- Pray for lost family members.
- Pray for creativity and courage to be faithful gospel partners.
- Pray for the expansion of the gospel message to the ends of the earth.