

Acts 16 Bible Study  
Paul's Second Missionary Journey

**Verses 1-5:**

1. What is a disciple? What is discipleship?
2. Who is Timothy? (Tell what you know about him)
3. Why did Paul choose to take him with him on this journey?
4. According to Chapter 15, Paul argued that circumcision is not necessary for salvation. Why did he take Timothy to be circumcised? Why didn't he require Titus to be circumcised?
5. What decree did they deliver to the people?

**What are some life applications in verses 1-5?**

**Verses 6-15:**

6. Where did Paul and Silas travel to when they left Lystra? Why?
7. What did the Holy Spirit do?
8. Where did Paul and Silas go after the Holy Spirit did what he did?
9. What happened when they got there?
10. Paul, Silas, and Timothy left and went to Troas, where Paul had a "*vision*" to go to Macedonia. Is there a difference between vision and trance? If so, what is it? (Cornelius -vision Acts 10:3; Peter- trance Acts 10:10; Paul-vision Acts 16: 9)
11. Who traveled with Paul from Troas to Philippi in Macedonia?
12. Where did Paul and them 😊 go on the Sabbath? Why?

**What does this tell us about ministry work or evangelism?**

13. Who is Lydia, and what happened to her and her family? (tell her story- where is she from, what does she do, family, etc.)
14. What is significant about "seller of purple"?

**What are some life applications in verses 6-15?**

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**Verses 16-18:**

15. What is “a spirit of divination”?
16. How many sources of spiritual power are there? Who or what are they?
17. What did the slave girl with the spirit of divination cry out?
18. Was she correct? If not, ok. If so, then why was Paul grieved/greatly annoyed?
19. What action did Paul take, and what was the result of what he did?

**Do we have the authority to do what Paul did?** (Support your answer with scripture)

**Is the “spirit of divination” still happening today?**

**What does the bible say about seeking advice from fortune tellers, psychics, soothsayers, witches, etc?** (Identify scripture)

**Verses 19-26:**

20. What did the slave girl's masters lose because of Paul's action?
21. Who was not apprehended by the masters? Why not?
22. Who was apprehended by the masters, and where did they take them?
23. Who are the magistrates?
24. What did the masters accuse them of?
25. What is wrong with the accusations made against them?
26. What happened to Paul and Silas per the magistrate's order?
27. What type of prison were they put in today's language?
28. What were Paul and Silas doing around midnight? Why midnight?
29. Did anyone hear them? If so, who? (**What is a Life Application**)
30. What happened as they prayed and praised?

**Verses 27-34:**

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31. What did the jailer do and why?
32. What did Paul do in response to the jailer's action?
33. Once the light was on, the jailer was trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas, asking "**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**" Was he scared into salvation ("scared straight") or did he witness some things? If he witnessed some things, what?

**What is your response if someone asks you, "What must I do to be saved?"**

**Why do you think the Jailer was able to sleep while Paul and Silas prayed and sang, but the prisoners were awake?**

34. What was Paul and Silas' response? Is this the same response today?
35. Who was saved? How were they saved?
36. What else happened in the jailer's home in addition to salvation?

**Verses 35-40:**

37. Where did Paul and Silas go before the magistrates' officers arrived the next day?
38. Why did the magistrate change their minds about Paul and Silas?
39. Why did Paul respond the way he did to the officers?
40. What did Paul and Silas do after their release from prison?