

"Oikos"

Small Group Discussion Guide May 18, 2025

Key Scriptures: Acts 16

NOTE TO SMALL GROUP LEADERS:

Each location received its own live teaching. Rather than focusing on a specific sermon, this week's Small Group Discussion Guide will focus on the common scripture passage taught at all locations.

Group Opener:

If you had to be locked in a room with one person from the Bible (besides Jesus), who would you choose and why?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read Acts 16:13-15 aloud. The passage ends with a whole household getting baptized. What does that tell us about the power of relationships in sharing the gospel?
- 2. Both Lydia and the jailer would have been considered as unlikely converts to Christianity by the earliest Jewish Christians, yet God sent Paul to them. To whom might God be sending you to share the good news?
- 3. Lydia was already a worshiper of God before she heard Paul's message—but the Lord opened her heart to truly respond. Have you ever witnessed a moment when God had clearly already been working in someone's heart before you arrived?
- 4. Can you think of a time when God used you or someone you know, in a seemingly unfavorable situation, to impact a non-Christian, for Christ?
- 5. How are you planning to be involved with the Great Adventure?

Prayer:

Pray for people in your group's *oikos* who are far from God—by name if possible. AND/OR... Ask God to help you see unexpected or hard situations as opportunities for His power to be displayed.