

“The Gospel Comes to Europe”

Acts 16:6-15

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6 They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia; they had been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. **7** When they came to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. **8** Passing by Mysia they went down to Troas. **9** During the night Paul had a vision in which a Macedonian man was standing and pleading with him, “Cross over to Macedonia and help us!” **10** After he had seen the vision, we immediately made efforts to set out for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, the next day to Neapolis, **12** and from there to Philippi, a Roman colony and a leading city of the district of Macedonia. We stayed in that city for several days. **13** On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate by the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and spoke to the women gathered there. **14** A God-fearing woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, was listening. The Lord opened her heart to respond to what Paul was saying. **15** After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, “If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

Main Idea: Simple obedience is the call of the gospel.

What is a calling? What is the *Macedonian Call*?

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ: To those chosen, living as exiles dispersed abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, chosen **2** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient and to be sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Seeking special revelation...

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 John 4:1

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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Philippians 1:3-11

3 I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, **4** always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **7** Indeed, it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. **8** For God is my witness, how deeply I miss all of you

with the affection of Christ Jesus. **9** And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, **10** so that you may approve the things that are superior and may be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

Life Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you through the Scripture during our Sunday gathering?
- Who shared the gospel with you when you finally believed? What sacrifices do you think were made by others for you to hear the gospel?
- What do you think about being led by the Spirit?
- Why do we seek special revelation from God? How do we discern the difference between waiting on God and hesitating out of fear or comfort?
- Paul had clear plans, yet the Spirit prevented him from entering certain regions. How do you typically respond when God closes doors you believed were good?
- How do you practice simple obedience, and how has God used your obedience?
- How does this passage encourage you to remain faithful even when plans change? What doors might God be closing—or opening—in your life right now?
- How does Lydia's hospitality demonstrate the fruit of a transformed life?
- From your Life Group time, what is an idea or two from your discussion that you can work to apply this week?