

## Family Discipleship Resource

Jun 7-13

(Acts 16:11-15)



### **G** – Gather for Prayer

*Father,*

*Lord, grant me wisdom and willingness to know how to engage in a winning strategy as it pertains to the mission of God*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **R** – Read the Text (Acts 16:11-15)

<sup>11</sup> So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis; <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

<sup>14</sup> A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

### **O** – Observe what God has said

***When/How/Where did Paul engage folks in his context? Why is this important to know?***

***What evidence is there that Paul got to know Lydia personally?***

### **W** – Work on Application

The truth is, everyone we come into contact with is in process in one direction or another—moving further away from God or, in God's grace and according to his call, inching closer into a growing relationship with him. It is up to us to partner with the Lord in seeing folks become friends through both personal and corporate spirit-led outreach and those friends become part of the family of God through intentional and biblical discipleship. Such a strategy can be adopted by your family, my family, and ought to be adopted by our church family. What folks can you begin to invest in? What friends do you need to have more intentional gospel-conversations with? How might you grow alongside your spiritual family? Those people that the Spirit of God brings to your mind are those that God has placed around you to be pursued as part of the mission of God, our church's mission, of making disciples of all the nations. How will your family and our church family "think outside the church" in the way it reaches out to those folks in need of the gospel? How will your family and our church family see friends that we have grown to know and love become part of the family of God through discipleship? I'm excited to explore what this means and for how God will use this strategy to further his mission in the greater Richmond area in what can only be called the greatest adventure we can be a part of until the Lord returns.

***How might we be involved in this strategy as a family?***

***In what ways can we reach out to folks and invest in friends?***

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Family Weekly Memory Verse: *“A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. .”-Acts 16:14*