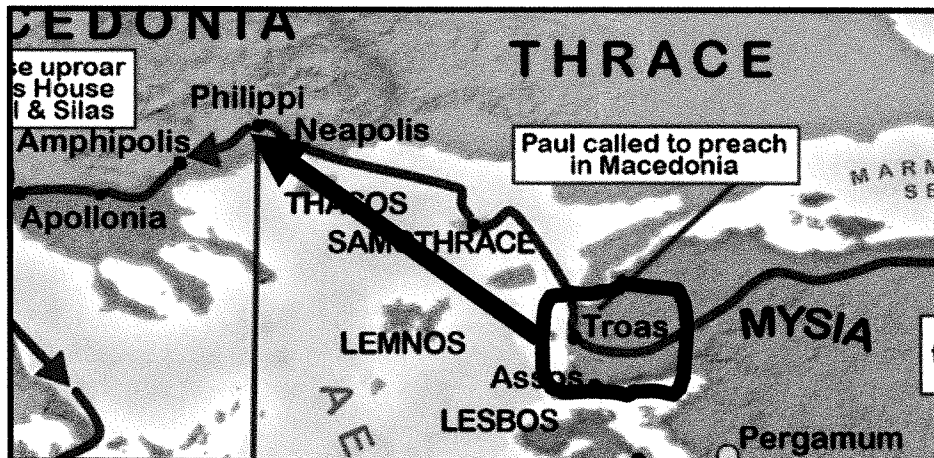


Power From on High

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of salvation
Lesson: 83

Text: Acts 16:11–15
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13 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.

“sat down”

“speaking to the women”

14 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.

“Lydia”

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“seller of purple fabrics”

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Insights into the sequence and components of the gospel:

1. She was _____ after God.

Romans 11:32 For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

Romans 3:11 There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God;

Isaiah 64:7 There is no one who calls on Your name, Who arouses himself to take hold of You; **For** You have hidden Your face from us And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities.

John 6:65 And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

John 6:37 “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

Psalm 119:2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who **seek Him** with all their heart.

Hosea 6:3 “So let us know, let us **press on to know the Lord**. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, Like the spring rain watering the earth.”

2. She was _____ to God’s Word.

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“listening”

Acts 9:7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.

Acts 28:26 saying, ‘Go to this people and say, “You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; And you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;

Why people cannot hear

John 8:42–45 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. 43 “Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.

“you cannot hear My word”

44 “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

45 “But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

3. God _____ her heart.

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“the Lord opened her heart”

“respond”

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Salvation does not ultimately depend on us, it depends on _____.

1 Corinthians 3:4–7 For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not mere men?

5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants **through whom you believed**, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one.

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

Romans 9:14–16 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! 15 For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” 16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. 19 You will say to me then,

20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it?

4. She proved to be _____.

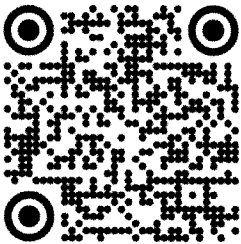
15 And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

How was she faithful?

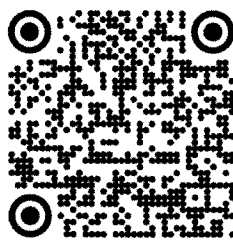
1. Her desire to see others saved.
2. She was obedient in baptism.
3. She loved others and did good works.

Discussion Guide

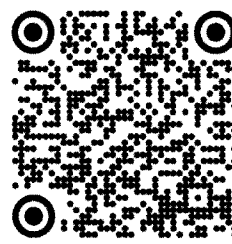
1. Read about the Proverbs women in Proverbs 31 and discuss how Lydia reflects the same virtues of being an entrepreneur and her home.
2. Why is so important that we understand the biblical definition of total depravity? How does it affect our evangelism?
3. What does it say about God that He guided Paul away from two large regions to one single lady?
4. How do we explain the many who show interest in God and never get saved and those who seek after Him and eventually come to faith? What is the difference between sincere and insincere seeking?
5. What is the key characteristic we should look for when God is drawing an unbeliever to faith?



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