

Lesson Four (January 13, 2016)

Second Missionary Journey and Splitting Up

Text: Acts 15:36 -- Acts 16:1-40

Summary of Text:

Questions:

1. What was the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas in 15:36-38?
2. How did this end up in 15:39-40?
3. The focus is now on Paul -- who does he meet in Acts 16:1?
4. Explain 16:3 after the Jerusalem Council.
5. 16:5 tells us what was the result of visiting with the churches?
6. What did the Holy Spirit do in 16:6?
 - a. Is the Holy Spirit a person or an impersonal force?
7. What happened in 16:7?
 - a. Is it good for us to always get our way or does God sometimes have something better for us?
8. What do we learn in 16:9-10?
9. Why did Paul go to the riverside in 16:13?
 - a. What is a modern day application for us?
10. What happened in 16:14-15?
 - a. What does it mean about "opening her heart"?
11. Let's observe a strange scenario -- in 16:16 who do we meet?
 - a. What does she do for her owners?
 - b. What would you (or others) pay to know the future?

12. What is Paul's emotional state in 16:18?
 - a. Why?
 - b. Was this right or wrong?
13. How did the owners react to this miracle according to 16:19?
14. Describe how Paul was treated in 16:20-24.
15. According to 16:25, what was happening with Paul and Silas as they are shackled in a prison?
 - a. Why do you think the other prisoners were listening?
16. What happened next (16:26)?
17. Why was the jailer ready to kill himself (16:27)?
18. Explain what happened in 16:28-34.
 - a. In verse 30, why did Paul not explain to the jailer that there is nothing "to do" to be saved and any attempt to "do anything" cheapens God's grace?
 - b. Did Paul not understand how to be converted?
 - c. Was Paul simply uneducated about the grace of God?
19. Paul does something strange in 16:37 -- explain what he did and why it caused the magistrates to become very worried.
20. In 16:39 what did the magistrates do and what did they ask Paul to do?
21. The chapter ends with Paul doing what?

Your questions, comments, and thoughts?

What are the practical lessons for you today?