

Lesson 14

November 18, 2020 • Acts 15:36–16:40

1. Why did Paul not want to take John Mark with them on this second trip? Why might Barnabas have been a little more partial to John Mark than Paul was? (cf. Col. 4:10)
2. **Thought Question** Was either Paul or Barnabas wrong in this “sharp” contention or disagreement between them? In other words, did either or both of them sin?
3. Where did Paul and Silas meet Timothy? What was his family background, and what was his reputation among the local disciples?
4. Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised but not Titus? (cf. Gal. 2:3)

9. Who was Lydia? What did she and her household do after the Lord opened her heart to heed Paul's words?

10. **Thought Question** The slave girl in 16:16 is described as, "possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling." Could she really tell the future? Why or why not?

11. How did Paul and Silas end up in front of Philippi's magistrates? What punishments did they have to endure?

12. What were Paul and Silas doing at midnight?

13. What caused the jailer to ask Paul and Silas how he could be saved? How did he respond to their answer?
14. What can we learn about how to interact with government officials from the way Paul and Silas dealt with the Philippian magistrates?
15. **Thought Question** According to 16:14, “The Lord opened [Lydia’s] heart to heed” Paul’s words. Would it be unfair to say that the Lord opened the Philippian jailer’s heart to heed Paul and Silas’s words? Why or why not?