

Philippians – Lesson 1

Paul's Relationship with the Philippians

Verses to remember

"I thank my God every time I remember you." (Phil 1:3 NIV)

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God." (Phil 1:9-11 NIV)

Acts 16: 6-10

1. Why would the Holy Spirit prevent Paul and Co. from preaching the gospel anywhere?

2. What happened that got Paul's attention to go to Macedonia?

3. When did Paul and Co. decide to react upon God's calling to go?

Acts 16: 11-15

1. Where did Paul and company settle while waiting for the Sabbath?

2. Why do you think they sought out those who were already gathering in prayer?

3. If Lydia was a worshiper of God, then why did she need to respond to Paul's message?

4. What did Paul's message encourage Lydia and her household to do?

5. Do you ever stay at someone else's house?

6. What type of people do you let stay at your house

7. What does this say about how Christian's relate to each other?

Acts 16: 16-40

1. What got Paul and Silas jailed in the first place?

2. What happened to Paul and Silas before they were thrown into the jail?

3. What happened to Paul and Silas once they were in prison?

4. With all that they had endured (a flogging like what Jesus may had endured, a beating from the crowd, placement in stocks in a dark, damp cell) how do you think they mustered the strength to praise God?

5. . How do you find strength to praise God during difficult times?

Philippians 1: 1-11

1. With what emotions did Paul write his letter to the Philippians?

2. How do you think the Philippians reacted when they read it?

3. Why was Paul's relationship with the Philippians so special, based on verse 7?

Homework:

- Memorize Philippians 1: 3 and Philippians 1:9-11.
- Commit to doing something this week that will help you love and live with your fellow Christians more fully.
- Make a list of people that are your "Philippians" and pray for them each day this week
- Commit to praying for other members of your class this week.