

Powerful Guidance

Acts 16:6–15

Icebreaker

- Have you ever sensed God closing one door and opening another? What happened?

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Background

This passage marks a major turning point in the spread of the gospel. Paul is on his second missionary journey expecting to continue ministering in Asia, but the Holy Spirit repeatedly redirects him. Instead of going where he planned, Paul receives a vision calling him to Macedonia. His obedience results in the first recorded church being planted in Europe, beginning with the conversion of Lydia.

The story reminds us that God's guidance is not merely about geography—it is about people and His mission.

Questions (Choose some of...)

1. What stands out to you most in this passage?
2. How did God guide Paul and his companions in different ways?
3. Why do you think the Holy Spirit prevented Paul from going where he wanted?
4. Have you ever experienced a "closed door" that you later realised was God's guidance?
5. What are some ways God guides believers today?
6. What practical habits help us become more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading?
7. How can our Life Group help one another discern God's guidance?

Application and Response (either in one large group or in smaller groups)

Is there anyone in your life group who is particularly needing God guidance right now?

If so, get that person to explain the situation and encourage the whole group to listen to God for them and ask him for his guidance.

Share any scriptures or pictures or words that you sense God may be giving to you for them.

Then pray for them.