

## What's Next? | Acts 16:6-18:22 2021 Fall #4

**Announcements:** Developing a servant heart is a priority as you make disciples in your groups. You might consider doing a service project together. Rick Robertson is heading a food drive for Eaton Elementary school and you can serve at church with your group on Friday Afternoon, Oct 1st. Contact Rick at [LocalImpact@2RC.tv](mailto:LocalImpact@2RC.tv)

**Tips:** Regardless of the material your group is doing together, you will want to pray together for God to apply the truths to your life. The questions at the bottom of the page under "Responding to Jesus" are questions ALL groups can use to move toward a time of reflection with Jesus at the end of your meeting. You might ask these questions aloud and let folks have a few minutes to pray silently as they reflect with Jesus. Afterward you can share prayer requests and possibility some of the requests will result from this time of reflection. Hopefully our prayers will begin to mature to include both temporal needs and spiritual needs.

### My Story Questions

*These questions help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.*

- 1) What were your experiences with church as a young person. Did your family attend?
- 2) Did you ever attend a youth camp or adult retreat/conference that was especially impactful?

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

#### **Philippi: Read Acts 16:6-40**

- 1) How was the team guided to Philippi? When has God directed you by supernatural processes? natural processes?
- 2) How were the three converts different? What does that tell you about God's heart toward people? (2 Peter 3:9)

#### **Thessalonica: Read Acts 17:1-9**

- 3) What stands out to you about Paul's message?
- 4) Which groups joined Paul and which group rejected. Why did they say they rejected and why did they actually reject? Do you see any irony in their reasoning?
- 5) There are always some who accept and some who reject. Where do you need to remain faithful to the message despite the response?

#### **Berea: Read Acts 17:10-15**

- 6) How did the Bereans' love for God's word help them come to faith in Jesus?
- 7) Does knowing God's Word always help you know Jesus better? Why or why not?
- 8) How might God want you to change your personal Bible reading methods.

#### **Athens: Read Acts 17:16-34**

- 9) What was Paul's response to the idols in Athens? What idols would Paul find in our city?
- 10) List the attributes of God and the truths about Jesus that were taught? Which stands out to you? How does that attribute help you relate to God in a new way?
- 11) Tell about the time when you obeyed the command in vs 30?

#### **Corinth: Read Acts 18:1-22**

- 12) Where do you see evidence of the Spirit at work in this city? (Help your group see several examples.)
- 13) List all the new folks God brought to Paul's team. Who are the people God is bringing to strengthen your team?
- 14) God's work can sometimes take a long time. Paul stayed 1½ years. Where are you growing weary? (Gal. 6:9-10)

### Responding to Jesus

*These questions are meant for personal reflection before your group prayer time.*

- 1) Lord, How can I begin to pray differently as a result of what I have learned this week.
- 2) Lord, Where am I growing weary in following you? Why? What will help me persevere?

### Further Challenge

- 1) Read through the passage and look for ways the disciples showed Word-dependance, relational connection, gospel centeredness and Spirit empowerment.