

THE GOSPEL ADVANCES TO EUROPE

Acts 16:6-15

1. What principles can help us know whether we are being guided by the Lord regarding a certain decision we must make?

2. What complications arise as Paul, Silas, and Timothy travel through what is now western Turkey (Acts 16:6-8; cf. Acts 1:8)?

3. How did Paul respond when his plan to share the gospel in Asia and then Bithynia was not approved by Jesus (Acts 16:6–8)?

4. How might Peter's work in the locations listed in 1 Peter 1:1 shed light on why Jesus forbids Paul from evangelizing those locations?

5. What is Paul's response when God clarified where he should go?

6. In Acts 16:10 "we" is used for the first time in the narrative. Why?

7. In Acts 16:11–12 two major geographic events occur. First, the gospel crosses from Asia to Europe. Second, the gospel is preached in Philippi, a Roman colony. How do these two events shape history for the next 2000 years?

8. Luke describes Lydia in multiple ways in Acts 16:14. Why do you think Luke gives us some detail about Lydia?

9. The disciples stay in Lydia's home (Acts 16:15). In light of the issue that was addressed in Acts 15, how is this a significant event?
