



## Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on May 28th, 2023

### Acts 16:1-5 (NASB)

**1** Now Paul also came to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, **2** and he was well spoken of by the brothers and sisters who were in Lystra and Iconium. **3** Paul wanted this man to leave with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. **4** Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering the ordinances for them to follow which had been determined by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. **5** So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.

### 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NASB)

**19** For though I am free from all people, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may gain more. **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might gain Jews; to those who are under the Law, I became as one under the Law, though not being under the Law myself, so that I might gain those who are under the Law; **21** to those who are without the Law, I became as one without the Law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might gain those who are without the Law. **22** To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak; I have become all things to all people, so that I may by all means save some. **23** I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

### Galatians 2: 3-5 (NASB)

**3** But not even Titus, who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. **4** Yet it was a concern because of the false brothers secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy on our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to enslave us. **5** But we did not yield in subjection to them, even for an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.

## DIGGING DEEPER

Do you have family who were instrumental in your faith? Who and what did they do?

Much happened in the cities of Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe on Paul's first trip. Remind yourself about it by summarizing Acts 14:1-23

### **Read Acts 16:1-2**

How does one become "well-spoken of" by other Christians?

### **Read Acts 16:3**

Timothy was an uncircumcised "half-Jew." How would that hinder the missionary journey?

Timothy goes through with being circumcised. What does this show us about his heart for others? If you were given a similar hard choice in order to reach others for Jesus, would you do it?

Could others still become believers if Timothy had not been circumcised? Explain.

## DIGGING DEEPER

### Read Acts 16:4-5

What are they teaching the people?

Why is the church growing? Is it because they are teaching the truth? Is it because Timothy was circumcised? Only because of God's blessing? Or all of the above?

### Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

How does this declaration from Paul apply to today's text?

Do you have a heart to reach those who need Jesus? How can this group together grow in this area?

## TAKING IT HOME

## PRAYER REQUEST

