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Study Guide

Mission Possible

Acts 13–20 | Focus Text: Acts 16:11–40

Big Idea: God makes the mission possible through His power, working through ordinary obedience.

Opening Reflection

Paul arrives in Philippi with no synagogue, no obvious audience, and no clear plan—yet God is already preparing hearts and lives.

Opening Question

- When have you seen God work in a way that didn't follow your expectations?
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The Lydian Lady

Acts 16:11–15

God Opens Hearts

Lydia is religious, successful, and searching—but it is the Lord who opens her heart to believe.

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about Lydia and her spiritual journey?
2. Why does Luke emphasize that “*the Lord opened her heart*”?
3. How does Lydia's story shape the way we think about salvation and faith?

Application

- How should this truth affect the way we pray for others to come to faith?
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The Slave Girl

Acts 16:16–18

God Breaks Chains

This young girl is deeply broken and exploited, yet God delivers her completely through the power of Jesus.

Discussion Questions

4. Why might Paul have been bothered by the slave girl—even though she spoke the truth?
5. What does this story teach us about God's power over spiritual bondage?

Application

- Where do you see people today who need freedom rather than judgment?
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The Philippian Jailer

Acts 16:19–40

God Rescues the Desperate

In the middle of injustice, suffering, and chaos, God uses an earthquake—and faithful witnesses—to save an entire household.

Discussion Questions

6. What is most surprising about Paul and Silas's response in prison?
7. Why do you think the jailer asks, "*What must I do to be saved?*"
8. What does this story show us about how God uses hardship?

Application

- How might God be using difficult circumstances in your life to point others to Him?
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One Church, Three Stories

Lydia, the slave girl, and the jailer come from vastly different backgrounds—yet all are saved by the same God and united into one church.

Group Reflection

9. What do these three conversions tell us about who the Gospel is for?
10. Which of these stories do you most relate to right now—and why?