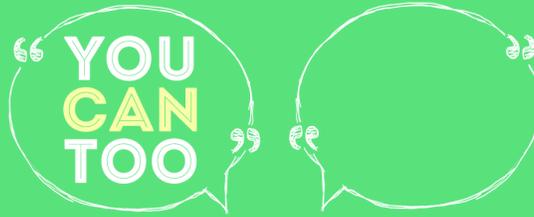


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16:5-40

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about today's passage that you found particularly helpful? Is there anything you'd like to discuss further?
2. In Acts 16:6-10 we are told the Holy Spirit kept Paul & his team from their intended route. Instead, they are led to Macedonia. What does it teach us about the Spirit's involvement in our evangelism today? How have similar things happened to you?
3. We meet Lydia in Acts 16:11-15. What do we know about her? How did she come to faith? What signs are given to indicate that her conversion was genuine? How does this inform our approach to evangelism today?
4. In Acts 16:16-19 we meet the slave girl. What is different about this girl when contrasted with Lydia? What's different about Paul's approach? What is Luke (the author) trying to show us in putting them side by side?
5. In Acts 16:20-40 we meet the Philippian jailer. What led the jailer to believe? Contrast his "pre-Christian" spiritual condition with that of Lydia and the slave girl. How does Paul lead the jailer to Christ? What lessons can we learn?
6. What's the significance of the public apology in 16:37-40? When is it appropriate for Christians to push for similar types of public recognition today? When is it inappropriate to demand our rights in that way? How do we know the difference?
7. Many others likely came to faith during the trip to Philippi. Why did Luke highlight these three? What does this teach us about our own evangelistic efforts today?
8. What do we learn from this passage about being more effective in evangelism?
9. Considering our discussion, what are one or two things you can start doing today (or this week) so that you practically apply the Word to your everyday life?