

SUNDAY GATHERING // 5.1.22

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New to Seaside? We would love the chance to connect with you! You can fill out a connect card at the connect corner or online @ seasidechurch.com/connectcard.
- SeasideKids Reminder: During the 2nd gathering each week, we will host a Parent Play room where you can bring your kids [0-4 years old] to play at any time during the 2nd gathering.
- On May 14th, SeasideYouth will be partnering with the Bremerton School District for BeBremerton. Together we will clean downtown and serve Bremerton. Find the details and what to bring @ seasidechurch.com/events.
- The Spring Discipleship Class is postponed until next fall. If you are interested in the class, and would like to receive an email when registration for the fall event is live, email info@seasidechurch.com.

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace to receive his immeasurable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS:

Jeremiah 32:36-41// Psalm 33:1-11
Revelation 5:6-14 // John 21:1-14

NEXT WEEK [5.8.22]

Liturgy Texts: Numbers 27:12-23 // Psalm 100
Revelation 7:9-17 // John 10:22-30

Sermon Text: Acts 16:16-40

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ACTS 16:6-15

[6] And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. [7] And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. [8] So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. [9] And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." [10] And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

[11] So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, [12] and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. [13] And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. [14] One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. [15] And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

ACTS: WITNESSES TO KING AND KINGDOM

God Stories [part 1]

GROUP DISCUSSION:

God is with us and God is ahead of us. Where in your life do you need to trust in these truths?

Read Acts 16:6-10. This is a story of Paul in an "in-between" space. How do you know God's will when you're in between things? Discuss the following points brought up in the sermon, in light of what we read in Acts 16:6-10. Relate these to your life as well.

1. God usually doesn't give us the full plan (Did Paul have the full plan?)
2. You don't have to know where the path will end to take your first step.
3. Sometimes you have to knock on doors to find out which ones will open.
4. Trust the Spirit's guidance.
5. Recognize that when God says, "No," that's a way he's leading too!
6. Remember this isn't normal.

Read Acts 16:11-15.

What stands out to you about this story? Why is Lydia an incredible example to us?

What is God calling you to use for his mission?