



## HEART

8. Have you ever been frustrated by the Holy Spirit's leading because it seemed to contradict your plans? How did you work through those feelings?

9. How have your plans been redirected by God in the past? How did you respond to changes that were different from what you were initially expecting?



## HANDS

10. Why do opportunities to share the gospel sometimes go unrecognized? Why are opportunities sometimes rejected? How can you do a better job this week of seizing the opportunities the Lord places before you?

11. Paul and his team were moved from thinking of the "masses" to speaking with and ministering to individuals. Name an individual that God has brought into your life recently, possibly for the purpose of sharing Christ with them.



Pastor Brian Williams  
Acts 16:5-15

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### Notes:

**In God's Providence, Doors are \_\_\_\_\_**

**In God's Providence, Doors are Closed so that Others can be**

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**In God's Providence, Doors are Closed so that Others can be Opened and \_\_\_\_\_ can come to Know Christ**

**In God's Providence, Doors are Closed so that Others can be Opened and Individuals can come to Know Christ and Follow Him \_\_\_\_\_**



### **BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY'S SERMON**

*Never underestimate what God may be up to when He redirects your path.*

## QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

\* Share a time when you got lost or were delayed because you did not follow the road signs or the directions given by your GPS.



*Read Acts 16:6-15*

1. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
2. How do you think Paul might have felt after twice being prevented from carrying out his intentions (vv. 6-7)? How do you think that experience shaped Paul's faith? How do these types of experiences shape our faith?
3. The Holy Spirit "forbid" or blocked Paul and the others from following through with their plans. How does the Holy Spirit block us from following through with certain plans or actions that are not necessarily sinful? With things that are sinful?
4. What does the response of Paul and his companions to the Macedonian man's request indicate about their basic ministry purpose?
5. Read James 4:13-17. What does the Bible say about presumptuous expectations about the future? Where is the balance between making plans and following God's leadership?
6. Verse 10 makes it clear that only Paul saw the vision but all were convinced that this was indeed a redirection from the Lord. How did the others recognize that this was from God and not from Paul? How can a believer be both discerning yet trusting in spiritual leadership?
7. Pastor Brian shared three specific ways that we see Lydia's faith in action. What were they and how do each of them reflect genuine belief in Christ?