

Study Notes and Questions for Acts 16

- What is going on in these verses?
- What was Paul's goal in returning to the churches he had already founded?
- What did Paul see in Timothy that he wanted to take him along?
- Why did Paul want Timothy to be circumcised and why were Paul's actions not a violation of the decision of the elders and apostles from chapter 15?
- What principle of Christian grace was Paul demonstrating by having Timothy circumcised?
- What part of Paul's character and devotion is revealed by him being willing to return to Lystra and Derbe?
- What is happening or not happening in **verses 6 and 7**?
- How do you think Paul and Silas felt about being blocked by the Lord from going to certain cities and areas?
- How should believers react when running into closed doors in life?
- What happened that caused Paul and his team to conclude that the Lord wanted them to go to Macedonia?
- How do we know that there were very few Jews living in Philippi?
- What do you learn about evangelism from **verses 13-15**?
- What is a "spirit of divination" (**verse 16**) and why is it a dangerous thing?
- What was Paul's reaction to the demonic spirit and why did he do what he did?
- Note the reactions of the girl's owners, the city officials and the crowds alongside the reactions of Paul and Silas. What are the differences?
- What do you learn about Paul and Silas when you read about them singing and praying at Midnight in the jail?
- Why was their singing and praying a powerful witness to the other prisoners?
- How did God move to set them free?
- Why did Paul insist that the magistrates apologize for their unlawful actions and how did that benefit the new believers in Philippi?
- What do you feel was the most important element of this study?