

## THREE CONVERSIONS/ONE NEW CHURCH Acts 16:11-40

**Big Idea:** *The gospel reaches different people, through different means, into one diverse family.*

### 1. Lydia: The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>11</sup>“So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis; <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days.”

<sup>14</sup>“A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.”

Ezekiel 36:26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

### 2. The Slave-Girl: The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>16</sup>“It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, ‘These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation.’”

<sup>22</sup>“The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; <sup>24</sup>and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.”

2 Corinthians 11:14 “No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

### 3. The Jailer: The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>25</sup>“But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; <sup>26</sup>and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.”

<sup>31</sup>“They said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ <sup>32</sup>And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.”

Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!”

James 1:2-4 “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,<sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

**Notes:**