

Disciples Church

Intro to Philippians <> Acts 16:12-34 & Philippians 1:1

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**Hand Out**

**1. The Plant of the Church in Philippi**

**A little history of Philippi:**

**A deeper look at Acts 16:12-34:**

**I. How are they different?**

**A. Racially**

1. Lydia is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The slave girl is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The prison guard is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Economically**

1. Lydia is powerful and economically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The slave girl is utterly powerless and economically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The prison guard is an ordinary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**D. Spiritually**

1. Lydia is a religious moralist who is spiritually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The slave girl is possessed & spiritually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The prison guard is a secularist who is spiritually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The conversion of Lydia**

**The liberation of the slave girl**

**The conversion of the jailer**

**II. How are they the same?**

**They were all enslaved to something other than Jesus!**

1. **The prison guard is enslaved to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Lydia is enslaved to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **The slave girl is obviously enslaved to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The Bible teaches us that you’re either a slave of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or you’re a slave to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**A. The gospel is a *divine power* to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

**B. The gospel is the best way to bring people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

**2. Introduction to the book of Philippians:**

**The pursuit of happiness:**

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

**Paul**:

Paul **and Timothy:**

To all the **SAINTS** in Christ Jesus:

**At Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:**

**SERVANTS of Christ Jesus:**

**“In Christ Jesus”:**

1. Our identity is as saint

2. Our lifestyle is as servant

3. Our reality in Christ is not a pursuit of happiness, but experiencing enduring joy

**Enduring joy because it is not dependent on our circumstances.**

**Romans 8:36** & **Philippians 4:4**