

Acts 16:6-40 - Part 1

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 5-24-17

IV. The Apostle to the Gentiles (12:25-21:17)

- A. The first missionary journey (12:25-14:28)
- B. The Council of Jerusalem (15:1-16:5)
- C. Mission in Macedonia (16:6-17:15)**
- D. Paul in Athens (17:16-34)
- E. Corinth and Ephesus (18:1-19:41)
- F. More about Ephesus (20:1-21:17)

Mission in Macedonia

The gospel's expansion into _____

Paul's goal: to _____ existing churches in Syria/Galatia and to _____ new churches in additional Roman provinces.

The Macedonian Vision (vv. 6-10)

Vv. 6-8 - the _____ of the Lord

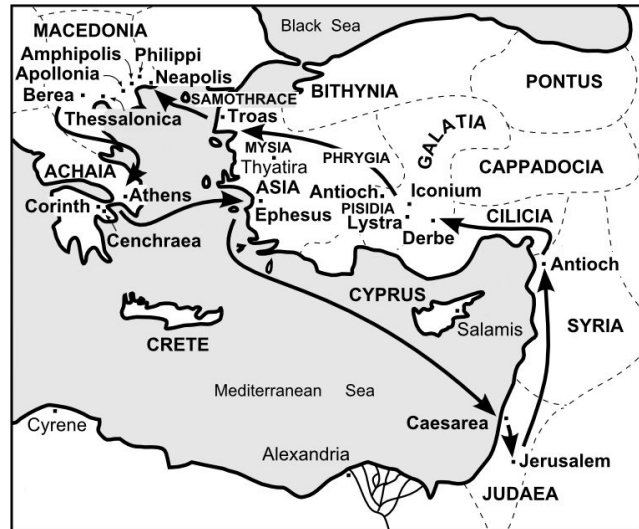
- V. 6 - Forbidden in Asia
- V. 7 - Forbidden in Bithynia

V. 9 - the vision

V. 10 - set out for Macedonia

- Addition of _____
- Principles of God's guidance:
 - _____ and _____
 - _____ and _____
 - _____

■ Συμβιβάζω ("symbibazó") - concluded, to bring together, to grasp a truth by intertwining ideas



The Mission in Philippi (vv. 11-13)

Vv. 11-12 - details about the journey

Luke's focuses on 3 persons in particular

Lydia (vv. 13-15)

Context

- Sabbath day - looking for a place to worship
- By the river - proximity to water for ceremonial cleansings
- Place of prayer - no synagogue in Philippi
- Group of women - no quorum of 10 men

V. 14

- From Thyatira - the “Lydian Lady”?
- Seller of purple fabrics - Thyatira was known for their _____
- A worshiper of God
- The Lord opened her heart - _____ grace
 - The _____ was from Paul, but the _____ was from God.

V. 15

- She and her whole household were baptized (cf. Cornelius, ch. 10)
- Invites them to stay with her - when the Lord opens your _____, you open your _____.
 - Right vertically results in right horizontally