

## Transformation Card

*This page provides an overview of the message and resources for individual and group study.*

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### **Sermon Audio**

Full Msg. Title: **The Church Strengthened & Expanded, Part 3**

Short Ver. Title: **Kingdom Progress**

Series Title\*: Acts

Text: Acts 16:11-15

Key Words: Lydia, God, Opened, Heart, Paul, Baptized

### ***Message Outline***

**Paul's Second Missionary Journey, Part 3**

**Kingdom Progress: The Church Strengthened & Expanded**

**Lessons from God's Opening of Lydia's Heart**

**Acts 16:11-15**

- I. Before: When She Lived with a **Closed** Heart
- II. During: When the Lord **Opened** Her Heart
- III. **After**: When She Lived with an Opened Heart

### ***God's Word for Devotions***

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| 1. Acts 16            | 5. 1 John 5:20              |
| 2. Acts 17            | 6. Re: Baptism              |
| 3. Acts 18            | Rom 6:1-4; Gal 3:26-29;     |
| 4. Luke 24 esp. v. 45 | Col 2:8-14; 1 Peter 3:18-22 |

### ***Talk About It with Your Friends and Family***

1. What is God doing at this time in redemptive history after the first coming of Jesus Christ before He comes again?
2. Remembering what Paul has shared with others, what do you think Paul shared with Lydia?
3. What was the difference in Lydia's relationship with God before and after the Lord opened her heart to Paul's words?
4. What were the elements (people, things, situations...) that contributed to Lydia's saving faith in Christ?
5. Thinking of **your** answer to 3 above, how can you participate in what God is doing today?

### ***Memory and Meditation Verse***

"And the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul."

Acts 16:14b (NASB)

**Next Week:** Read again Acts 16:16-40 with a focus on Acts 16:16-21