



Book of Acts:

the ripple effect

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Acts 16:1-15

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, April 16

Sunday, April 19

Introduction

The ripple of investing in one person-- verses 1-3

notes

"And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted this man to go with him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek."

- "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. "

The strengthening and expansion verses 4-5

"Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering the decrees, which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe. So, the churches were being strengthened in the faith and were increasing in number daily."

The ripple of obedience to God's agenda verses 6-10

"And they passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; and when they had come to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; a certain man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

- Sometimes God's agenda is **perplexing**- verse 6 "And they passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, **having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.**"

GROUP DISCUSSION

Ripple Effect

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Acts 16:1-15, April 16th & 19th, 2026

1. Have you ever seen a small action create a much larger impact? Share an example from your life.
2. In verses 1-3, what do we learn about Timothy and why did Paul chose him to join the mission team?
3. What does this passage (verses 6-10) reveal about how the Holy Spirit directed Paul's missionary journey?
4. What do we learn about Lydia of Thyatira in verses 13-15?
5. According to verse 14, who opened Lydia's heart to the message?
6. Why do you think God often works through individual relationships rather than large crowds?
7. What does this passage teach us about God's guidance in our lives?
8. Why was Lydia's willingness to open her home important for the early church?
9. What are some ways small acts of obedience can have long-term spiritual impact?
10. Who is someone God may be calling you to invest in spiritually?
11. Have you ever sensed God redirecting your plans? What were the circumstances?
12. What might it look like to create a "ripple effect" of faith in your:
a. Family b. Workplace c. Neighborhood d. Church
13. Lydia used her home and influence for God's work. What resources has God given you to bless others?
14. What small step of obedience could you take this week starting a ripple effect for the gospel?
15. Which part of this passage challenged or encouraged you the most?
16. If God could begin one ripple of influence through you this year, what would you dream of it being?

Prayer Focus

Close your time by praying for

- Courage to follow God's agenda
- Opportunities to invest in others spiritually
- An open heart like Lydia's
- God to use you to create ripples in your sphere of influence