

## 1. Read Acts 16:1-10.

a. How many times is Paul redirected before arriving in Philippi? What does that pattern tell you about how God guides us?

## 2. Read Acts 16:14, 25-30.

a. What do Lydia and the jailer have in common in these moments? What's different about how each of them comes to faith?

## 3. Read Philippians 1:3-8.

a. What specific things does Paul say about the Philippians? What do you think made this relationship so deep? What would it look like for us to experience that kind of gospel-centered friendship?

## 4. Read Philippians 1:9-11.

a. Walk through the progression in Paul's prayer (love → knowledge/discernment → purity/righteousness → God's glory). Why do you think he prays in this order? If you were in Paul's situation, what would you be tempted to pray for instead—and what does that contrast reveal about his priorities?

## 5. Look at Acts 16:40 and Philippians 1:7 together.

a. Looking at the beginning of the relationship (Acts 16:40) and years later (Philippians 1:7), what seems to have stayed consistent about Paul's view of the Philippians? How do you think shared suffering shaped their relationship? Would it be as deep without it?