

## THE GOSPEL

### Believe: Ep. 4 Gospel Impact

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#### Acts 16:11-15

<sup>11</sup>From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup>From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. <sup>13</sup>On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. <sup>15</sup>When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

**Sermon Premise:** God commands that His followers share the gospel. (Good News)

- **Mark 16:15** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (ESV)

**The glory of the gospel is that when the church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it. - Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

#### 1. Where are you going?

- **Vs. 11-12** From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup>From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

- Paul was intentional with where he took the gospel.

#### 2. Who are you reaching?

- **Vs. 13** On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the **women** who had gathered there.

- Paul's gospel was imbued with prayer.

- Paul crossed cultural norms by reaching out to the working women at the water's edge.

## GOSPEL IMPACT

**The Gospel changes nations and the gospel changes lives.**

- **Rome:** Rome would eventually become history's most evangelical nation.
- **Lydia:** Lydia would become Europe's first convert to Christianity and one of Paul's most ardent and loyal supporters.

#### COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. God commands us to go to all of creation and preach the gospel. Is it a sin of omission if we do not?
2. Paul traveled with intentionality. It says in verse 11 that he sailed straight for Samothrace. Where if anywhere, are you traveling intentionally to share the gospel?
3. Paul crossed cultural norms to share the gospel by speaking to women. Where might we cross cultural boundaries to share the gospel?
4. Who is God calling you to?
5. Paul prayed as he went (Vs. 13). How could we mix in prayer with our evangelism to make it more effective?