

***Come
To The
Mission Field***

Acts 16:6-12

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6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Acts 16:6-12 - continued

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

Introduction

A. Exciting times for the early church

Acts 6:7

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

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B. Paul changed from persecutor to preacher

Galatians 1:23

But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

Acts 9:15

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

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C. Paul's Vision At Troas

1. He was ready for this vision (v 6)

2. He heard the Macedonian call

“Come over into Macedonia and help us”

3. How do we react when we hear a cry for help?

I. Lost Souls Call Us To The Mission Field (16:9)

A. These people are lost and without hope

Ephesians 2:12

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

I. Lost Souls Call Us To The Mission Field (16:9)

B. These people have never heard the gospel

1. There are those who never heard even now

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

2. There are those who have only heard what the world says

Acts 28:22

But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

I. Lost Souls Call Us To The Mission Field (16:9)

C. The necessity of a preacher

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

II. Love For Souls Should Cause Us To Heed The Call (vv 10-40)

A. Paul had a deep love for souls

1. Consider his love for lost Jews

Romans 9:1-3

1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

II. Love For Souls Should Cause Us To Heed The Call (16:10-34)

A. Paul had a deep love for souls - continued

2. Consider his love for lost Gentiles

Romans 15:19-20

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

II. Love For Souls Should Cause Us To Heed The Call (16:10-34)

B. The response of Paul and Silas to the call (vv 10-34)

1. It was immediate (v 10)

2. It was intentional (vv 11-12)

3. It was invincible (vv 13-34)

a. The conversion of Lydia (vv 13-15)

**b. A demon-possessed fortune teller delivered
(vv 16-18)**

c. The Philippian jailor saved (vv 23-34)

II. Love For Souls Should Cause Us To Heed The Call (16:10-34)

**C. Great victories await us when we heed the call to
reach the lost**

Proverbs 11:30

**The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that
winneeth souls is wise.**

1 Corinthians 15:57

**But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

II. Love For Souls Should Cause Us To Heed The Call (16:10-34)

**C. Great victories await us when we heed the call to
reach the lost - continued**

1 John 5:4

**For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:
and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even
our faith.**

III. Look Around, The Mission Field Surrounds

A. The field is the world

Matthew 13:38

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

B. Paul and Silas seized every opportunity in Macedonia

1 Corinthians 15::10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Do You Hear The Call?

Will You Respond To The Call?