

Bible Study: Abiding in the Holy Spirit Part 2

Acts 16:6-10

⁶ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. ⁸ So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

How do you think the Holy Spirit communicated with Paul in this passage?

1. Out loud?
2. All had the same impression?
3. Someone had a prophetic word and the others tested it and resonated?
4. A sense of foreboding?
5. The weather wasn't good for sailing?

Share a time when you have experienced the Holy Spirit saying “no” to you?

Acts 16:11-15

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

What stands out to you about this interaction?

V.14 says “the Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.” Share a time when the Lord opened your heart to something.

Spend time praying for each other. Pray for open hearts to God and for the leading of the Holy Spirit in your life.