



Topeka Bible Church
The Life of Paul, Episode 18:
"Finding God's Will"
Community Group Study Questions
Acts 16:1-10 and selected passages

1. Now that we've embarked upon Paul's Second Missionary Journey, take note of the places that he goes. Why would the Holy Spirit prevent Paul from ministering in Asia (Acts 16:6)? Doesn't God want His truth to be proclaimed to every nation (Acts 1:8)?

2. What is the most frustrating thing for you about finding "God's will?" Did Paul experience these frustrations in this passage at all? Since we don't know God's will ahead of time, how should we respond to this uncertainty?

3. Has God ever prevented you from moving forward with a decision in life? Did you struggle at the time to believe that God was in control of your circumstances? Do you have God's desires on your heart or your own (Proverbs 2:1-5; Psalm 37:4; Matthew 6:33; Romans 12:1-2)?

4. Do you regularly seek counsel from God's word, counselors, and common sense? Who are the people in your life who help you with this discernment? Share about a time recently when those people helped you in this area?

5. Where is God calling you to take initiative and action for Him and His Kingdom? What prevents you from doing so? (Fear? Pride? Laziness?) Is the "Spirit of Jesus" (Acts 16:7) different from the Holy Spirit (Acts 16:6)? See Romans 8:9-11 as well.

6. Paul received a vision, apparently from God, that informed him where he should go (Acts 16:9)? Does God still speak through visions to us today? How easily do you *adjust* to God's activity around you?

7. Notice the "we" and "us" in Acts 16:10. What does this indicate? How easy (or difficult) is it for you to *relax* and leave the results to God? Why? What are the benefits to trusting God with our circumstances (Philippians 1:12-14)?

Memory Verse:

"After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

(Acts 16:10, NIV)