

Bible Study Guide for Philippians 1

Day 1 – Acts 16

1. For the story of the Church in Philippi, read **Act 16**. Philippi was located in Macedonia, which is now Greece. The church Paul established there was the first church in mainland Europe. Read **Acts 16** in The Living Bible, if possible.
 - a. How is Philippi described in **Acts 16:12**?

 - b. In **Acts 16** three people were affected by Paul and his ministry. Name each one and give a brief description of what happened in their lives.

 - c. How do Paul and Silas' actions in prison (**Acts 16:25**) exemplify the filling of the Spirit as described in **Ephesians 5:18-20**?

2. Because of the use of the first person "we" in **Acts 16:10-12**, it would appear that Luke, the writer of Acts, joined Paul when he went into Macedonia. Who else was with Paul on the church –planting team as Philippi as mentioned in **Acts 16**?
 - a. Who was with Paul while writing the letter to the Philippian church according to **Philippians 1:1**?

 - b. By what affectionate term did Paul address Timothy in **I Timothy 1:2**?

 - c. Read **II Timothy 1:1-4**. What do these verses tell you about Paul's feelings toward the younger man, Timothy? Is there someone for who you have this kind of loving concern? How can you encourage them?

Day 2 – Overview and Philippians 1:3-7

1. Read the first chapter of Philippians. Look for expressions of Paul's feelings and references to his circumstances. Jot down words/phrases that express these.
 - a. Paul's feelings