

Acts 15–16 — The council, and a door into Europe

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

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What question does the Jerusalem council settle, and how does God redirect Paul's team until the gospel reaches Philippi — who believes there, and where?

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The council refused to make it difficult for those turning to God. Where do we add requirements to the gospel that God has not added?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

Paul and Silas sang at midnight in the stocks — and the jailer's whole house believed. How will you respond to your current hardship so that others see God in it?

4. Who will I tell?

Lydia opened her heart and then her home. Whose home — including yours — could become a doorway for the gospel this week?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

Father, at Jerusalem you kept the gospel free of added burdens, and at Troas you turned your servants toward Europe. Keep the good news simple in my hands, and turn me wherever you want to go next.



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