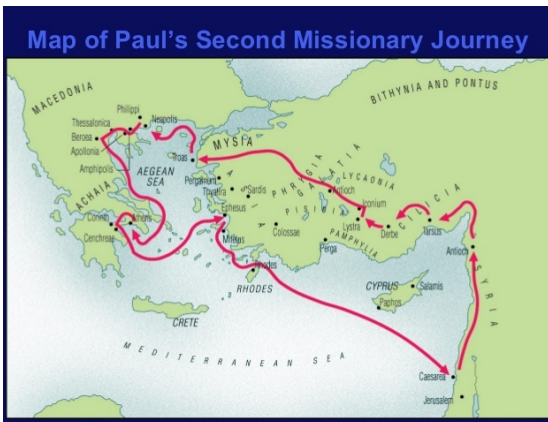


# The Twists and Turns of the Gospel Maze

Acts 16.11-40

*Focus: on expecting God's sovereign direction of the gospel through our suffering to those who are ready to respond*



## Discussion:

- Read 16.5-40. What can you learn about how God is at work in spreading the gospel to others from this account? How ought that shape the way you view your circumstances?

- How does Paul's example in this passage challenge you? Make a list of his responses/attitudes/actions and discuss the ones you think God may be speaking to you about.

- What could you glean about how God works in suffering through this account?

- Compare and contrast Lydia with the jailer. What does this reveal about the breadth of the gospel's relevance for different people? Are there people you are tempted to think are outside of the gospel's reach?

- If you were having coffee with a friend and they asked you the jailer's question from v. 30, "what must I do to be saved?" How would you answer that? (You can split up and role play if you want. Or you can watch the video in the link to the left or have someone in the group model their favorite gospel presentation.)

- Spend time praying for open doors (Col. 4.3, 4) for the gospel in the lives of your 1-1-1 friends!

This article has a proposed chronology of Paul's second missionary journey:

<http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/apostle-paul-second-missionary-journey-map.html>

here is a helpful, simple presentation of the good news about Jesus:

<http://www.namb.net/video/3circlesguide/>

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## 2014-2015 Acts Focus

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To advance our church in our knowledge and experience of the Spirit in such a way that we will increasingly embrace His ministry in and through us, especially in witness.

