

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Fall 2023 – Acts Sermon Series - “Witness”

Week of Sept 18 (Week 2)

QUESTION #1: In the sermon, Pastor Mike shared that Paul doesn’t get told WHO to share the gospel to but WHERE to take the gospel to be shared - wherever he is stationed. The same goes for us. That’s how we know where to share the gospel - wherever we are stationed, wherever we live, work, frequent, wherever our spheres of influence are. These can be called our “Gospel Spheres”. Take a minute and think about where/what your “Gospel Sphere” might be. What/where are they? Discuss them with one another as a group and if you need help brainstorming, use the help of your fellow group members.

QUESTION #2: In the passage, we see an absolute miracle happen. We see Lydia’s heart opened by God to see the gospel which Paul is sharing with her. If God did not open Lydia’s heart, she would not have been saved. If you are a Christian then this very same thing has happened to you - God opened your heart to see the gospel. What is so miraculous about this? What thoughts and feelings go through your heart and mind when thinking about this?

QUESTION #3: Lydia was well known, a successful business owner with great income, a religious person, a moral and good person. Some might say that she “had it all” but even having all these “things” and all that comfortability she still is captivated by Christ and His gospel and commits herself to Jesus. How is this possible?

QUESTION #4: We can learn something from this story about Lydia. Though she seemingly had it all, she still needed Jesus Christ. We must be careful and on guard against comfortability given to us through wealth and how we spend our time. Pastor Mike shared in his sermon that giving (of time and money) is an act of war on the temptation to remain comfortable and self-reliant. How does that work? How is giving an act of war on the temptation to remain comfortable and self-reliant?

