

# HOPE

## HOME GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**READ** Philippians 1:1-2 & Acts 16:6-15

**SHARE** words, phrases, truths that stuck out to you; any questions you have; new insights.

**DISCUSS** the passage together.

1/ Google search “map of Paul’s 2nd missionary journey” on your phone (or look in the back of your Bible) and trace the journey depicted in vv. 6-12. What strikes you about this journey that Jesus guided them through? How can this speak to your life as a follower of Jesus?

2/ What is said and left unsaid about *how* Jesus guided them to Philippi? Any firm principles you could glean from this story about following the Lord’s leading in your life?

3/ Jesus leads Paul and Silas to Lydia. What is your reaction to v. 14? Read Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 1:15-18. Think about Paul’s own conversion story. How does this truth comfort you? How does it challenge you?

4/ Talk a bit as a group about Lydia. What is encouraging about Lydia’s story to you? Do you know a “Lydia”? Do you resonate with Lydia? Why or why not?

5/ What is Lydia’s response once she accepted the welcome of Jesus in her heart? How does this challenge you? Encourage you?

6/ Talk about ways your home group could look like Matthew’s House (Luke 5:27-32) *and now* Lydia’s house.

**APPLY** the text to your life (these questions from Redeemer NYC might help).

1/ How can I praise him?

2/ How can I confess my sins on the basis of this text?

3/ If this is really true, what wrong behavior, what harmful emotions or false attitudes result in me when I forget this?

4/ What should I be aspiring to on the basis of this text?

5/ God, why are you telling me this today?

**PRAY** together for the things you just shared, and also for anything else in your life.