

ACTS: To the Ends of the Earth

Study 35: What the Holy Spirit gives

READ Acts 16:1-10 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

The work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of His people is crucial to following, serving, and glorifying Christ. Paul and Silas found this to be true as they travelled throughout Galatia and across to Troas. The Holy Spirit provided new friends and workers in the form of Timothy and Luke. He provided wisdom in the circumcision of Timothy. And He provided direction through opening and closing doors that led them to receive and follow a vision to evangelize Europe.

Big idea: The Holy Spirit gives everything necessary to accomplish the Lord's work as we seek Him.

Questions:

1. A. What do vv. 1-3 tell us about Timothy and why do you think Paul wanted to take him? See also Phil 2:20-22; 2 Tim 1:5, 3:15.

B. Hudson Taylor, said "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." How might the provision of Timothy, and Luke (v. 10, "we"), be an example of this? See also Phil 4:19.

2. A. As Paul and Silas "went on their way through the cities" (v. 4) of Galatia they delivered the decisions reached by the Jerusalem Council. What were those decisions, especially as they related to circumcision (v. 4; 15:1-35)?

B. In light of the message given, and the fact that Titus was not forced to be circumcised (Gal 2:3), why do you think Paul had Timothy circumcised (v. 3)? What Scripture might affirm Paul's thinking?

C. What lesson do we learn from Paul's decision to circumcise Timothy?

3. A. In what ways did the Holy Spirit guide Paul, Silas, and Timothy in their missionary journey (vv. 6-10)? Note: the word "conclude" (v. 10) means "to weigh up" or "put together".

B. How can we know the Spirit's leading on issues where the Bible does not give specific help? What factors should we consider?

4. Does God still guide through dreams and visions? If we have such, how can we know if it's from the Lord? See Jer 23:26-27.

5. What did the men conclude and what was their response (v. 10)? What do you learn from this as you seek to obey the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)?

STOP AND PRAY:

Adore: the Holy Spirit for the freedom and power He exhibits in magnifying Christ

Thank: the Holy Spirit for His continual provision, wisdom and direction in God's work

Pray: that you will seek the Holy Spirit in meditation on and obedience to His Word