



the upside down series - acts 16
week fourteen: divine appointments

1. Divine appointments happen when we are _____.
2. Divine appointments are _____ by the Holy Spirit.
3. Divine appointments take place _____.
4. Divine appointments aren't always _____.
5. Divine appointments are _____ by your reactions.
6. Divine appointments make it all _____.

I'm so proud of you for hanging in there throughout the weeks. Slowly but surely, little by little, God's word is changing you. I can see it in you! God is faithful and always keeps His promises. He speaks through His word. Keep on listening!



day one: all things to all men

Paul is starting his second missionary journey. This week we'll be meeting several new and exciting characters in the story of the early church.

Start by reading Acts 16:1-5.

exploring the text

1. What young man with great potential did Paul meet at Lystra?

prayer

Timothy is Paul's true child of the faith -
I Timothy 1:2.
Pray that God brings into your life a true child of the faith.

2. Write down as many facts about Timothy as you can glean from the passage.

3. Why do you think Paul wanted Timothy circumcised after what we just studied in Acts 15? Read I Corinthians 9:19-23 to help you understand this.



day two: listen for direction

Let's start our time with the Lord in prayer.

Today we will focus on Acts 16:6-10.

exploring the text

1. How did the Holy Spirit direct Paul in vs. 6?

verses

Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet and a
light unto my path

Isaiah 30:21

And your ears shall
hear a word behind
you saying, "This is
the way, walk in it"
when you turn to
the right or when
you turn to
the left.

2. Does it seem unusual that the Holy Spirit would do that?
3. What are some reasons the Holy Spirit would forbid the teaching of the Word?
4. What was Paul called to do in the vision?



day three: divine encounters

Begin your time with Prayer. Read Acts 16:11-16.

Even though this week's passages are short, don't skimp on your time with the Lord. Use the extra time to pray and listen. Put on a worship song and sing unto the Lord.

exploring the text

1. Get a map and try to trace Paul's journey as he describes in such detail in vs. 11.

hymn

I come to the
garden alone
While the dew is
still on the roses
And the voice I
hear falling
on my ear
The Son of God
discloses

And He walks with
me and He talks
with me
And He tells me I
am His own
And the joy we
share as we
tarry there
None other has
ever known

2. Where did Paul go to on the Sabbath?

3. Tell as much as you can about Lydia.

4. Why did Lydia get saved? Vs. 14.

5. Who else got saved that day?

6. Was it an accident that Paul met Lydia that day? Explain based on what we've learned about the journey in vs. 6-15.

Application for your life?
Record your thoughts here.

personal application

7. Do you have a place of prayer? Describe it. If not, commit to developing one. What do you think it should look like?

8. Describe a most recent time when "the Lord opened your heart". How could you tell?

9. Perhaps you haven't seen the Lord work in your heart in some time. Take a few minutes and ask him to right now.

Lined area for writing application thoughts.



day four: all kinds of encounters

We've met Timothy and Lydia. Today we will meet a few others.

Read Acts 16:16-24.

exploring the text

1. Who is the next person that Paul meets on his way to pray?

verse

Isaiah 30:20

And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher.

2. What do we know about that slave girl?

3. Were the things that the servant girl saying true or untrue?

4. Why was Paul annoyed with her?

5. What did he do?



day five: a song at midnight

We are going to end with a bang this week of divine interactions. Of course, God would save the best for last. Savor today's reading and remember it!

Read Acts 16:25-40.

exploring the text

1. Write down vs. 25 below.

interesting fact

We do not have to beg the Holy Spirit to guide us. But like Paul, we need to seek that guidance as we are faithful to what we already know to be God's will and as we trust God even when we cannot explain what he is doing.

2. What time were Paul and Silas singing and where were they?
3. What happened while they were singing?
4. Why was the jailer going to kill himself?

