



A Church on Mission Listens to the Call of God  
Acts 16  
Aug. 25, 2019

**Scripture Reading** – Acts 16: 1-10

*Are you listening to the direction of the Lord?*

1. Seeking qualified Leaders for the church. (Acts 16:1-5)

- Timothy knew the Scriptures.
- Timothy was willing to submit to God.
- Timothy was able to strengthen believers and reach unbelievers.

2. Stopping when the Spirit says stop. (Acts 16:6-7)

3. Seeking people who are seeking God. (Acts 16:9-34)

- A vision of people in need. (9-10)
- A connection with people who are seeking. (11-13, 25)
- An open door of conversation. (14, 26)
- A willingness to follow Christ. (15, 30-31)

**Application:**

1. How are you doing in daily listening to the Lord? Are you looking for His guidance? What can you do this week to be more in tune with Him?
2. What changes need to be made in your life to be fully obedient to the Lord? Are there some things that you need to stop? Are there things that you need to begin doing to fully obey Him?



Life Group Questions/ Discussion  
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**Main Thought of the Message** – When you are on mission you are listening to the Lord to go where He says to go and to stop when He says to stop. This week we will understand what it means to follow the voice of the Lord.

**Introduction Discussion** – Have you ever driven through a stop sign or red light? What caused such an action? Discuss the thought process. Did you feel justified? Were there any consequences?

**Reflections from the Passage**

1. A local church needs to listen to the Lord in selection of its leaders. What did Paul see in Timothy that gave him confidence in selecting Timothy for his team? (2 Timothy 3:15; Acts 16:2-3) What happens in a church when they wisely choose their leaders? (Acts 16:5)
2. Discuss the two primary purposes of the church found in Acts 16:5. Of the two which one do churches tend to give the most attention? Why?
3. God sometimes guides by shutting doors. (Acts 16:6-7) Share the many ways God has shut a door in His desire to lead you. Give examples.
4. God sometimes speaks to us through visions or dreams. Paul had a vision of a man calling him to come to Macedonia. (Acts 16:9-10) Has God ever given you a vision of someone to reach out to? Or some place to go? What confirmation did Paul receive when he arrived in Philippi? (Acts 16:11-14) What hurtful thing happened to Paul and Silas that might have caused doubt about their coming? (Acts 16:22-24) Discuss the fact that God sometimes leads us into difficult trials.
5. How is it possible to rejoice in sufferings? (Acts 16:25, also Romans 5:3; James 1:2; Philippians 4:4) How is this different than “pretending?” or “positive thinking?”
6. Salvation is always a miraculous work of God. What work of God did He do with Lydia? (Acts 16:14) With the Roman jailer? (Acts 16:26-30) Discuss the power of the gospel to change lives. (Acts 16:15,31-33) What influence did they have on their families?

**Digging Deeper**

Study the various ways salvation is a work of God. (Luke 24:45; Isaiah 50:5; John 6:44; I Corinthians 3:6-7; Ephesians 1:18; Luke 10:2; Matthew 9:38)

**Application:**

1. In what way is the Lord speaking to you lately? Is there something you need to stop? Something to begin? A new ministry? A new life group? A new outreach? A new person to reach out to?
2. Thank the Lord for His work of salvation!