

WEEK 9 - LYDIA

OVERVIEW

Lydia opens her heart and becomes a leader in Philippi.

As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. Acts 16:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever been in a situation or a place where it was "risky" to talk about your faith? Tell about this time.
- 2. Read <u>Acts 16:11-15</u>. Even though the information about Lydia is sparse, what important conclusions can we draw about Lydia and the church in Philippi at the time?
- 3. How did Tim describe what "the Lord opened her heart" (verse 14) meant to people of Lydia's time?
- 4. If one of your family members or friends were asked if they "*agree that you are a true believer in the Lord*", what do you think they would say? Why?
- 5. Lydia accepted Paul's message because it was truth, based on facts and events that actually happened. What would you say your faith, your hope, is based on?
- 6. What attitudes did Paul suggest that the people of Philippi should take, based on <u>Philippians</u> <u>2:1-5</u>?
- 7. Why is Lydia a significant person in our Family Tree? How is she an inspiration to you?