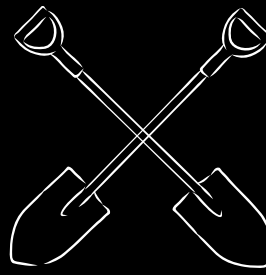


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SUNDAY STUDY RESOURCE

FULL SEND 
VERSE BY VERSE STUDY THROUGH ACTS PART 2

“Heavenly Citizens”
ACTS 16:11-40 NKJV

SYNOPSIS

As believers, our citizenship in heaven should shape the way we live here on earth. Continuing in the second half of our verse by verse study through the book of Acts called “Full Send,” Pastor Tim teaches a message from Acts Chapter 16 entitled “Heavenly Citizens” that includes 4 takeaways from God’s Word that we can apply in our lives.

Heavenly citizens...

- 1) Are directed by God’s mission, not their own purposes
- 2) Confront the kingdom of darkness
- 3) Respond differently in suffering
- 4) Use earthly rights without being defined by them

We hope this message encourages you to set your mind on things above, live boldly for the mission of Christ, and allow your heavenly citizenship to define how you live in this world.

KEY VERSE:

“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

ACTS 17:6 (NKJV)

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Text: Acts 16:6-10; Acts 16:11-12

Cross-References: Proverbs 16:9; Proverbs 19:21; Psalm 37:23-24; James 4:13-15

Discuss: How does Scripture describe the relationship between our plans and God's purposes? What does Acts 16:6-10 reveal about the ways God can redirect His people? What does Paul's response teach us about how believers should respond when God closes one door and opens another?

Text: Acts 16:6-15

Cross-References: Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:21; Ephesians 2:10; Proverbs 3:5-6

Discuss: What does Scripture teach about God's purpose in sending His people into the world? What does Acts 16:6-15 demonstrate that God was directing Paul toward people he had not originally planned to reach? What does Scripture teach about the relationship between God's purposes and the good works He has prepared for believers?

Text: Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 3:7-8

Cross-References: Colossians 4:2-4; 1 Corinthians 16:8-9; 2 Corinthians 2:12

Discuss: What does Scripture teach about God opening doors for His purposes? How did Paul respond when God revealed the opportunity in Macedonia? What role do prayer, discernment, obedience, and proclamation play when God provides an opportunity for ministry?

FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

Text: Acts 16:13-15

Cross-References: James 2:14-18; Matthew 7:16-20; 1 John 3:16-18; Romans 12:9-13

Discuss: What does Lydia do immediately after believing the gospel? What does Scripture teach about the relationship between genuine faith and outward action? How does Lydia's hospitality provide an example of faith producing practical obedience?

REFLECTIONS

- 1) Does my life demonstrate that my primary identity is found in Christ, or have I allowed my nationality, career, relationships, accomplishments, political beliefs, possessions, or reputation to define me?
- 2) When I confront darkness, am I motivated by love for God and people—or by anger, pride, frustration, or the desire to prove that I am right?
- 3) Could the situation I currently consider an inconvenience actually be an opportunity God has placed in front of me? Who might God be asking me to notice, serve, encourage, or reach through that interruption?

RESOURCES

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