



## THE PHILIPPIAN DETOUR

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### *Acts 16:6-40*

1. Paul and Silas hit a detour in their plans, but keep on their mission.

(vs. 6-12)

**Life Lesson:** When you hit a detour in your faith journey, resolve to keep moving forward.

- Go back and recommit to what God has already clearly said to do.

2. Paul and his companions seek out a “place of prayer” in Philippi. (vs. 13-15)

**Life Lesson:** When you hit a detour in your faith journey, set aside intentional time to pray.

3. Paul and Silas get beaten and thrown in prison, and they worship anyways. (vs. 16-28)

**Life Lesson:** When you hit a detour in your faith journey, rest in God’s loving control in your life.

4. Paul and Silas encourage the jailer to put his faith in Jesus and demand to be publically released. (29-40)

**Life Lesson:** When you hit a detour in your faith journey, boldly take the next step of faith.

The rest of the story...

The Letter to the Philippians

### Next Steps

- This week I will set aside a intentional time of prayer asking for God’s direction and leadership in my life.
- Today I am committing to trust God’s loving, sovereign control in my life.
- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.



Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during a portion of the break.

**Lesson Aim:** To learn about the context of the book of Philippians and how God can work in our lives today.

1. **READ Acts 16:6-15.** How does the “closed door” lead to another opportunity (an “open door”) for Paul and the others? When has God closed one “door” in your life that led to another opportunity?
2. Where do you have an “open door” for ministry now? In your home? Work? School? Community? How will you take advantage of it?
3. **READ Acts 16:16-40.** Lydia’s “place of prayer” was by a river. Where is your favorite place to meet God?

4. How would you have felt if, like Paul and Silas, you were falsely accused, flogged and put in stocks in a dark prison cell? How does that compare to with how Paul and Silas respond?
5. What caused the jailer to want to be saved? If someone asked you “What must I do to be saved?” how would you respond?

**Daily Devotional Plan** – Take a closer look at the life of the Early Church as we learn what it means to follow Jesus.

- Day 1 – Colossians 2
- Day 2 – Colossians 3
- Day 3 – Colossians 4
- Day 4 – 1 Thessalonians 1
- Day 5 – 1 Thessalonians 2
- Day 6 – 1 Thessalonians 3
- Day 7 – 1 Thessalonians 4