Bible Study on CONNECT in ACTS — Acts 16:1-10
For Sunday August 28, 2022

Acts 16:1-10 (ESV)

Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

16 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a
Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. [2] He was well spoken of by the
brothers at Lystra and Iconium. [3] Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and
circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father
was a Greek. [4] As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for
observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in
Jerusalem. [5] So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers
daily.

The Macedonian Call

[6] And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the
Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. [7] And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to
go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. [8] So, passing by Mysia, they went
down to Troas. [9] And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing
there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." [10] And when Paul had
seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had
called us to preach the gospel to them.

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1. When did you have a decision to make, and you prayed for wisdom? What was the result?

2. In verse 1, what disciple did Paul find to join him? What was his heritage? Based on the rest of Scripture, what do we know about this particular person?

3. Verse 3 says that Paul had Timothy circumcised. We learned from Acts 15 and the Jerusalem Council that circumcision was not a requirement of salvation. What was the purpose of Paul having Timothy circumcised?

4. In verse 4, what news or observances were they reporting? Reread chapter 15:1-35 if you need a reminder.

5. What complications arise as Paul, Silas, and Timothy travel through the region of Phrygia and Galatia?

6. Why do you think the Holy Spirit did not allow the mission group to go into certain places.

7. Reread Paul's experience in verses 9-10. We don't know if this vision was a specific word of prophecy or a deep, growing, internal conviction. What things can help us know whether or not we are being guided by the Lord regarding a certain decision we have to make?