



God doing what God does!

Today God puts together a team

Acts 16:1-15

Biblical Narrative is:

1. The historically _____ retelling of _____ events in **story** form.
2. Used to progress a story through _____ and _____.
3. On _____ view of both God's work and God's people working.

In this narrative:

1. We gain an understanding of how and why Paul and Silas wound up traveling Northeast from Troas towards _____ when their goal was to travel all through _____ (Acts 15:36).
 - a. They wound up in Troas because God _____ them from turning off the road that took them there.
 - b. They went towards Europe into Macedonia because of Paul's _____.
2. Acts 16 – 21 tells us **where** Paul and Silas traveled on Paul's second missionary journey, and some of the important **events** that took place while they were traveling.
3. In our passage, we see God _____ the formation of Paul's ministry team.

Who made the team? How? and Why?

1. Timothy (Acts 16:1-5)
 - a. Timothy was both _____ and Jewish (vs 1)
 - b. Timothy was well _____ (vs 2)
 - c. Timothy was _____ to be circumcised. (vs 3)
 - d. Timothy related to _____ involved in the decision and instructions they came to deliver from Jerusalem. (vs 4-5)
 - e. Timothy was **saved under the ministry of** Paul's first journey (I Tim. 1:2)
 - f. Timothy was **one of Paul's representatives** in Corinth (I Cor 4:17), Philippi (Philippians 2:19), and later became a pastor in Ephesus (I Timothy)

2. Companions (Acts 16:6) – People who worked _____ and perhaps _____ Paul.
3. Luke (Acts 16:10)
 - a. Luke _____ the team in Troas. (vs 10)
 - b. Luke left the team at the end of chapter 16, and joins up again rejoined in Acts 20:7. (**They** – **We** – **They** – **We**) and was with Paul in Rome (Acts 27-28)
 - c. Luke was most likely responsible for Paul’s _____ care.
 - d. Luke was a “fellow _____” with Paul in ministry (Philemon 1:24)
4. Lydia (Acts 16:14)
 - a. “A Dealer in _____ Cloth” (vs 14)
 - b. “A worshipper of God” (God Fearer) (vs 14) from a family of God Fearers (vs 15)
 - c. A Baptized convert of Paul’s ministry” (vs 15)
 - d. A _____ supporter (vs 16 and 40)
5. Silas (Acts 15:40)
 - a. Silas was a _____ Citizen
 - b. A _____ in the church in Jerusalem (Acts 15:22)
 - c. A _____ (strong teacher) (Acts 15:32)
 - d. A true ministry _____ to Paul (Acts 16:25 – singing together in prison)
 - e. Ministered in Berea (Acts 17:14), and with Peter (1 Peter 5:12 – Silvanus)

Why:

1. Timothy: He was young, represented both Greeks and Jews, was willing to make the sacrifice necessary to smooth out ministry opportunities, and would later carry on Paul’s work in Ephesus.
2. Luke: He was a skilled writer, he was a Doctor, He had a mind for ministry
3. Lydia: She provided a home base in Philippi. She provided needed support. She was not afraid to speak up, get involved, and make sacrifices.
4. Silas: He was a good co-worker, a good teacher, a good leader, a good partner

Application:

1. God can get you where you need to be, when you need to be there, and with the people you need to be with.
2. In order to get you started, God may move you in a direction that does not look anything like your final destination.
3. God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, and when you need extra support to do whatever it is God is asking – He will provide you with that support.