**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 16**

**Acts 16:1-40**

1. Share a thought from last week’s lesson?

2. As Paul and Silas traveled through Lystra they met Timothy. Describe . . .

 . . . his family background.

 . . . his reputation.

 . . . his concession for effective ministry.

3. a. As the missionaries traveled and taught, what resulted in the churches?

 b. Do you think a church that is “strong in the faith” is a growing church? Why or why not?

4. a. In verses 6-10, how was the Holy Spirit guiding Paul’s missionary journey?

 b. Share ways the Holy Spirit leads/guides in your life today.

5. Philippi was a leading city in Macedonia.

 a. Who did Paul find at the Sabbath assembly?

 b. How did Lydia respond to the message and the messengers?

 c. If you were introducing Lydia as a guest speaker for our Bible study, what would you say?

6. Both Cornelius (Acts 10) and Lydia feared and worshipped God. How was Hebrews 11:6 fulfilled in their lives?

7. a. The spirit-possessed slave girl was making a true statement in verse 17. Why do you think Paul cast the spirit out?

 b. How did the girl’s owners react?

8. a. What did Paul and Silas suffer as a result of this incident?

 b. What encouraging words are found in 1 Peter 2:19, 20?

9. As Paul and Silas were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God, what do you think the listening prisoners were thinking about?

10. In verses 26-30, describe . . .

 a. God’s display of power

 b. the jailer’s panic

 c. Paul’s opportunity to preach

11. What was Paul’s salvation message in these Scriptures?

 Acts 16:31

 Ephesians 2:8, 9

 Romans 10:9

12. a. How did the Philippian jailer respond to the Gospel?

 b. In indwelling of the Holy Spirit accompanies conversion and with Him we see His fruit in our lives. What is the fruit of the Spirit according to Galatians 5:22, 23?

 c. What was already evident in the jailer’s life?

 d. As you consider the fruit of the Spirit in your life, is there any portion you think is not “fully ripe?” Please share.

13. In Acts 16:37, why do you think Paul made a point of his Roman citizenship?

14. a. Before leaving the city, where did Paul and Silas go and what did they do there?

 b. Lydia has opened her home to believers. It was a place of encouragement. How would you describe your home?

 c. If you were not happy with your description (or even if you were), how do you think you could improve it?

15. Paul would later write a letter to these Philippian converts to encourage them again. What message would they need to hear from these Scriptures in the letter to the Philippians.

 1:6

 1:27

 2:2-4

 4:4

 4:13

 4:19