

Wisdom's Toolbox understanding women in ministry

ACTS 16:11-15

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(vv.11-14)

2. Affirm _____ (v.15)

Acts 16:11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia. from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized. and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

- 1. Read **Psalm 19:7-11**. Why is this passage important to keep in mind in a day when many Christians are quick to abandon God's biblical instructions, when those instructions come in conflict with cultural norms?
- Read Psalm 2:1-12. How can this passage help Christians who are truly afraid to hold to any doctrines that the world will mock and ridicule?
- 3. Read **Genesis 1:27, 2:18-25** and **Matthew 19:4-5**. Why is a reminder of how God originally crafted men and women so important when it comes to valuing the "equal but different" functions we see elsewhere in the Bible?
- 4. Read **1 Corinthians 11:11-12**; **14:33-37** and **1 Timothy 2:8-15**. While the pastoral teaching function over the assembled congregation is designated by God for qualified men, how does the reality of interdependence and the special role of women in preserving the human race put this in perspective?
- 5. Read **Philippians 2:19-22** and **Romans 16:1-4**. How do expressions of appreciation and gratitude for all ministry sacrifices help the church function as it ought? What will you do to engage in more of this?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 09-10 - Highly Committed Participants: Serving God with Excellence

Msg. 12-64 - The Headship of Christ & Pastoral Leadership

Msg. 11-30 - Sacrificial Leaders & Replicating Ministries

Msg. 14-04 - Seeing My Growth for the Good of Others

Msg. 07-36 - Deference Instead of Autonomy

Msg. 19-31 – Coached by the Right Leaders

Msg. 03-31 & 03-32 – Your Gender Matters to God (a 2-part exposition of 1Cor.11)

Daily	Bible	Reading	Schedule
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Oct. 2 nd	Is.24-26 & Eph.4
	Is.27-28 & Eph.5
Oct. 4 th	Is.29-30 & Eph.6
Oct. 5 th	Is.31-33 & Phil.1
Oct. 6 th	Is.34-36 & Phil.2
Oct. 7 th	Is.37-38 & Phil.3
Oct. 8 th	Is.39-40 & Phil.4
Oct. 9 th	Is.41-42 & Col.1

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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