

# BEGINNING A GOOD WORK

## ACTS 16:11-15

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: “According to Jewish tradition, there had to be a quorum of at least ten male heads of households before a synagogue could be formed. If these requirements could not be met, the faithful were to meet under the open sky near a river or sea.” Kent Hughes, *Acts*, p. 212. (See **Philippians 1:3-6, fn 1:4, 5**)

**BY SPEAKING**—The kind of speaking here means personal conversation, not preaching. Warren Wiersbe, *Be Daring*, p. 39. (**Acts 16:11-13, fn 16:13, 14, I Peter 3:13-15, fn 3:15, I Peter 1:23, Hebrews 4:12, fn 4:12, Acts 10:37-44, fn 10:37-43**) *What would you say to lead someone to Christ?*

**WITH HEARTS OPENED BY THE LORD**—“The same God who ordained the end, Lydia’s salvation, also ordained the means to the end, Paul’s witness of Jesus Christ.” Warren Wiersbe, *Be Daring*, p. 39. (**Acts 16:14, fn 16:14, Ephesians 1:4, 5, fn 1:4, fn 1:5, II Thessalonians 2:13, fn 2:13**) *Why does God use people to bring others to salvation?*

**WITH HOSPITALITY**—Hospitality is the strength of a church and begins in small groups. The Philippian church probably found its origin in Lydia’s home. (**Acts 16:15, 40, Romans 12:13, fn 12:13, III John 5, fn 5, Hebrews 13:1, 2, fn 13:1-5, I Peter 4:9**) *How do you practice hospitality in your group?*

The Bible was not written for our information only but for our transformation. *How will these verses change you in your walk with God and others, including your spouse? (Matthew 5:23,24, I Peter 3:7)*

*Pray for one another’s needs.*

*Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?*

