

# The Macedonian Call

*Acts 16.9-10*



# Learning from the Macedonian Call

- Helping others will often require us stepping out of a comfortable place (Acts 16.9).
  - When leaving our comfort zones, a support system helps the transition (Acts 16.10 “we”).
  - Support systems don’t require lifelong, deeply personal relationships (Acts 16.1-3 meeting Timothy).
- Sharing the gospel is the greatest way that we can help those who are around us (Acts 16.9-10).
  - Perhaps we are unwittingly too influenced by our society.
  - Helping physical circumstances are good and needful — but helping with the Gospel is the most important!



# Learning from the Macedonian Call

- Was the Macedonian experience what Paul was expecting?
  - What was Paul's first experience in Macedonia? (Acts 16.13-14a)
  - What was Paul's second experience in Macedonia? (Acts 16.16-17)
  - What was Paul's third experience in Macedonia? (Acts 16.23ff)
  - We need to make sure we don't allow our expectations to hamper our effectiveness — and we need to recognize the value of people!
- Trust God to give the increase (Acts 16.15,31-34,40).
  - Wherever he went, Paul was sharing the Gospel.
  - As the Gospel was shared, people responded (cf. 1 Corinthians 3.6).

