

How to Start a Church in Philippi

ACTS 16



Lydia



The Jailer

The Conversion of Lydia

- Looking for worshipers
- The Lord opened her heart
 - She listened and learned
 - **Luke 24:44-45; John 6:44-45**
- Baptized – faithful to the Lord
- Went to work in the kingdom



The Conversion of the Jailer



- **Why did he ask, “Sirs, *what must I do to be saved?*”**
 - Was he shaken by the circumstances?
 - The example of Paul and Silas?
 - “There has to be more than this.”
 - A near death experience?
 - A heart open to the story of Jesus

Be more like Paul and Silas

- **How do we handle our trials?**
 - **Look for opportunities in hardships**
- **Live with hope and joy**
 - **Love and compassion**



What must we do to be saved?

- **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ**
 - Faith alone?
- **Hear the word of the Lord**
 - He needed to know what (who) to believe.
- **Baptized the same hour of the night**
 - Believe + Baptism = Salvation (Mk. 16:16)

The Results of Salvation

- **Washed their stripes**
 - **A penitent heart?**
 - **All of the family obeyed the Lord**
 - **Rejoiced in his salvation**
 - **The prisoner who was released!**
- (Isa. 42:7)**

"I, the LORD,
have called You
in righteousness,
and will hold Your
hand; I will keep
You and give You as a covenant to
the people, as a light to the Gentiles,
to open blind eyes, to bring out
prisoners from the prison, those
who sit in darkness from the prison
house." (Isaiah 42:6-7)



The Results of Salvation

- **A servant mindset (thankful to serve)**
 - Hospitable
- **Elders in the church (Phil. 1:1)**
 - The jailor perhaps?
- **Who is the church of tomorrow?**

**“What must I
do to be saved?”**