

THE PASTOR'S ESSENTIALS®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

Acts of the Apostles A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION THIRTEEN

Acts 16:6-19:20

Questions for Session Thirteen

1. What is providence? How did the Holy Spirit figure in the direction of Paul's mission of evangelism? How can we hear God's direction for the special service to which each of us is called?
2. Who was Lydia? What is the significance of her business or trade? What steps did she take to demonstrate her faith? How do we demonstrate our faith today?
3. Where did Paul encounter Lydia and the slave girl? What did Paul do to anger the owners of the slave girl? How do our own spiritual and economic lives collide?

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4. Tell of the events that unfolded in 16:22-24 that involved Paul and Silas. What was their response to this punishment?

5. How did God show his faithfulness to Paul and Silas? How did the jailer demonstrate his faithfulness to God? What was Paul's response when they were set free? What was the reaction of the officials when they realized his citizenship?

6. What did Paul and Silas encounter at Thessalonica? Compare and contrast their reception and the success of their evangelism ministry in Thessalonica and in Berea? How did the people respond to them?

7. What was Paul's tactic in preaching the Good News to the cutting-edge people of Athens? How successful was this? How does this response correspond to our own time here in the twenty-first century?

8. Where did Paul travel after he left Athens? Whom did he encounter, and what were a few of the common bonds between them? Compare this passage to 18:5.

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9. Briefly describe Paul's ministry in Corinth. How did God (1) intervene, (2) show his faithfulness, and (3) give Paul encouragement? How can God do the same in our lives today in the twenty-first century?

10. What was the lesson to be learned with the twelve disciples at Ephesus? What can we learn/take away from this episode? Explain the summary statement that is v. 19:20.

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