

Lydia

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Gospel Hospitality (Acts 16:11-40)

1. What is the best hospitality you have been shown?

2. Read Acts 16 11-40. Let's build a picture of Lydia. She was "A dealer in purple cloth". What was purple cloth, and its significance?

3. "From the city of Thyatira". Where is that? How far from Philippi? Is she an immigrant?

4. "Who was a worshipper of God". How might Lydia come to worship God?

5. Lydia had a "household", presumably servants and/or slaves. What does this tell us about her?

6. In Acts 16:14, how does this verse shape our understanding of a salvation response to the Gospel?

7. Read verse 15. What was Lydia's immediate response after accepting Christ?

8. What can you recall about your immediate response when you believed the gospel?

9. Do you think Paul was initially reluctant to stay at Lydia's house?

10. How do you think Lydia was viewed by the people of Thyatira after Paul's arrest and beating?

11. In verses 16-24, what was the trigger that sparked opposition to Paul and his message?

12. Paul and the others reacted to their circumstances with singing (v.25). How might you have reacted in a similar situation?

13. What is the importance of hospitality in how we practice gospel ministry and life?

14. What steps can we take to grow in our practice of hospitality?

15. Pray for each other.