

Focus

Part 4: Influence
Acts 16:6-15

Launch

This was a Leap Year. What did you do with your extra day?

Explore

Read the passage

Both verse 6 and 7 explain that the Spirit prevented Paul and Timothy from traveling to certain regions and towns. How did they know it was God (and not Satan) who was thwarting their plans?

What was the significance of Paul traveling to Macedonia? (Check the maps section of your Bible if necessary.)

Notice the pronoun changes from “they” (vs 8) to “we” (vs 10). What does this imply? Why is that important?

How was Lydia an influential person? How did God use her? (See vs 40.)

Apply

Describe a time when you were sensitive to the Spirit’s leading and you obeyed, even when it didn’t make sense. What happened?

Like Lydia, who is someone you know who already has a huge capacity for influence but doesn’t yet know Jesus? What would happen if this person came to faith?

How might God use you to share the gospel to someone in your oikos?

Pray

Pray that the Lord would open the heart of someone in your oikos to hear, understand, and believe the gospel.