

WELCOME TO OUR Bereans Sunday School Class (FBC ChurchLink Small Groups)



01

Seek wisdom

Psa 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

02

Search the Scriptures

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

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Study God's Word

2 Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

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Stand on His promises

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Lydia of Thyatira

**What a friend
we have in Jesus**

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All
because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious
Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; you will find a solace there.

Lydia of Thyatira

Acts 16:11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

Troas was an ancient city located south of Canakkale province on the Aegean Sea. It was one of the major sea ports in the Aegean connecting trade routes in Asia Minor to Neapolis in Macedonia by sea lines and then to Rome by road. The city was founded in 310 BC and its original name was Antigonía Troas, named by Antigonus.



Acts 16:12 And from thence to Philippi,
which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia,
and a colony: and we were in that city abiding
certain days.

Philippi was a major Greek city northwest of the nearby island, Thasos. Its original name was Crenides after its establishment by Thasian colonists in 360/359 BC. The city was renamed by Philip II of Macedon in 356 BC and abandoned in the 14th century after the Ottoman conquest.



Acts 16:13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

**We know Paul often looked
For places of worship to
Preach God's message**

Acts 17:1-2 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

**But why did Paul and his team
go out of Philippi?**

Acts 16:13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

Judaism was apparently not that big in Philippi yet. According to Jewish law, at least 10 men must be present to form a synagogue. Paul looked for the next best thing; a place of prayer.

Acts 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

A royal color

The color purple has been associated with royalty, power and wealth for centuries. In fact, Queen Elizabeth I forbade anyone except close members of the royal family to wear it. Purple's elite status stems from the rarity and cost of the dye originally used to produce it.

There is no natural purple colorant apart from Tyrian Purple - made from the juices of sea molluscs. Many molluscs were required to make even one gram of the dye, and the process was so labour intensive, that the dye was as expensive - weight for weight - as gold. Only royalty, priests and very rich merchants could afford to wear this colour. Consequently rich people and royals chose to wear it to demonstrate their wealth/power. Over time the colour became associated with richness, power and royalty.

A prized color

Tyrian purple is a reddish-purple natural dye. It is a secretion produced by several species of predatory sea snails in the family Muricidae, rock snails originally known by the name Murex. In ancient times, extracting this dye involved tens of thousands of snails and substantial labor, and as a result, the dye was highly valued.

The dye was greatly prized in antiquity because the colour did not easily fade, but instead became brighter with weathering and sunlight. It came in various shades, the most prized being that of black-tinted clotted blood.



Acts 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

Acts 16:15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

How far was Thyatira from Philippi?

Approximately 40 miles. A city southeast of Pergamum and approximately 40 miles inland, across the Aegean Sea from Athens.

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

What happened to Lydia?

Acts 10:2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

Rom 10:1-4 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.



**Map of the
7 Churches
of Asia**

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Acts 16:40 And they went out of the prison,
and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they
had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and
departed.

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