



A week of prayer & fasting

Day #5

Saturday 29th October

Daily Scripture Reading

- Acts 16:13-15 -

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Reflection: Lydia is the first convert identified in Paul's second missionary journey, and is an interesting character. She was an immigrant from Thyatira (in modern-day western Turkey) and worked as a merchant selling luxury purple cloth. Though not an elite, she belonged to an upwardly mobile urban class; her business dealings had apparently helped her become well-established in Philippi, where she had a spacious home. Lydia was a God-fearer, meaning she was not ethnically Jewish yet worshipped the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. As he did elsewhere, Paul first sought to speak with Jews and God-fearers in Philippi to share the gospel with them, bringing him and Lydia into contact.

Lydia's conversion demonstrates her influence in responding to the gospel: she and her entire household were baptised (something the patriarch would usually instigate), and her insistent hospitality for Paul and his companions established a missionary base to work from. Today, let's pray together for new households to join our church family, that with us they would know Christ and make him known.

Communal Prayer at 36 Merlot Heights at 9-10am

Hosted by Rodger and Jennifer

Prayer focus: Seeing families come to know the Lord and join our church family

- Humbleness in people to realise their need for Jesus.
- Realisation that the gap people seek to fill is actually a God-sized hole.
- An open heart to hear the gospel.
- The Holy Spirit to prepare us for discipling someone to faith.



Communal Prayer Times for the week:

- Saturday 29th: 9-10am and 36 Merlot Heights (Rodger and Jennifer)
- Sunday 30th: 9.15-9.45am at Huapai School (Murray)
- Monday 31st: 7.30-8.30pm at 78 Station Road (Silvia)

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