

THE BOOK OF ACTS

August 18, 2019

Acts 16:1-10

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Is anything noteworthy about the city of Lystra (14:8-20)? What had happened in this place?
2. What are we told about Timothy (vv. 1-3)?
3. Are any questions raised by the circumcision of Timothy (c.f., 15:1-2, 5-11, 19-20)? Why do you think Paul did it? (Does 1 Corinthians 9:20-22 add anything to consider on the subject?)
4. How will Timothy come to be viewed by the Apostle Paul?
 - 1 Corinthians 4:17
 - 1 Timothy 1:2
 - 1 Timothy 1:18
5. What was the team's intention as it headed west from Lystra (vv. 6-7)? What was the Holy Spirit doing? Why do you think that is? How did the team react?
6. Where did the Spirit want them (v. 8)? How did God reveal His will (vv. 9-10)?
7. What are the lessons here about the will of God?
8. What frustrates you most about waiting? How does that apply to the bigger things in life? What does Isaiah 40:31 say about our waiting?

9. Reflect on the following quote from Richard Hendrix: “Second only to suffering, waiting may be the greatest teacher and trainer in godliness, maturity, and genuine spirituality most of us ever encounter.” How have you found this to be true?

10. Reflect on the following quote from Ben Patterson: “To wait with grace requires two cardinal virtues: humility and hope.” What does this mean? How does this relate to the subject of (waiting on) the will of God? Do you see any indications of these cardinal virtues at work in our passage? How can they work in your life?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will count the cost of following Jesus this week by . . .

2. I will invest myself in _____ this week by . . .

3. I will wait on the Lord this week by . . .