

## Part 32 | **The Gospel to Philippi** (Part 1)

Acts 16:11-15

God **COORDINATES**, (v. 11-12)**the set-up** Acts 15:26-16:12**Philippi** Philippianswe **FOLLOW**, (v. 13)**“you will be my witness”** Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8**do the ordinary** Hebrews 10:25; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; 5:16-18*Jesus* **SAVES** (v. 14-15)**All People Matter** Galatians 3:28-29; 1 Cor. 12:13; Genesis 1:26-27**he changes hearts** v. 14-15 1 John 5:20; Psalm 119:18; Luke 24:45Text us at **833-271-8805**.Text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, **“Pray for...”** followed by your request.

Or if you just need someone to talk to, start texting us with whatever’s going on and someone will be in touch via text.

## WHAT IS A *gospel* conversation?

Part of our  
**Enduring Reach** vision is:*By 2030 the people of  
Wawasee Bible will engage in  
10,000 Gospel Conversations*

### So what is a “Gospel Conversation”?

First of all, by 10,000 Gospel Conversations we do not mean 10,000 people, but *conversations*.A Gospel Conversation is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with someone in need of knowing of his love and grace.

A conversation that points to Jesus as the hero and gives testimony to his grace, as well as our own need for it, counts as a Gospel Conversation.

### Here’s three (of many!) types of Gospel Conversations:

1. I share with someone what Jesus is doing in my life *today*. Maybe something good, maybe bringing me through a hard time, maybe a point from Sunday’s message that hit me, etc.
2. I share with someone my story of putting my faith in Christ.
3. I share the truth of the Gospel, and encourage them to believe it themselves.

Remember the key is to love. We’re loved by Jesus, and so we’re sent by Jesus to love others and invite them to follow him with us.

We’ll share more soon, including some ideas to help you spark Gospel Conversations with the people God has sent *you* to!

## Study Guide

Questions &amp; Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

## Welcome to Life Group!

### Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, here’s two totally *random* questions to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer at least one:

1. *What would you love to see on TV that’s not available?*
2. *What is your favorite breed of dog?*

### Priming the Pump...

- *As you think back on this week’s message, what one or two statements or points are most important for you to remember and why?*

**Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching**, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

## Digging Deeper

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.**

1. Pastor Josh took some time again this week to show how God “coordinates” all things. This is known as the doctrine of God’s **providence**. In other words, God is actively involved in and related to his creation at every moment. “Circumstances in our lives are **not** determined by mere *chance* (randomness) or impersonal *fate* (determinism) but by God who is the personal yet powerful Creator and Lord.” (–Wayne Grudem)
  - **How does thinking about the doctrine of providence increase your trust in God?** Are there difficulties or hardships in your life at this time? Give an example of a specific difficulty that you are now facing and explain how the doctrine of providence will help you in the way you think about it.
  - **Can you name five good things that have happened to you so far today?** Were you thankful to God for any of them?
  - **Do you sometimes think of luck or chance as causing events that happen in your life? If you ever feel that way, does it increase or decrease your anxiety about the future?** Now think for a moment about some events that you might have attributed to luck in the past. Instead, begin to think about those events as under the control of your wise and loving heavenly Father. How does that make you feel differently about them and about the future generally?

*(Study Guide continues on back panel...)*

# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR OUTCOMES

*If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...*



1 | Receiving From God.

Am I reading the Word regularly? Am I gathering to hear the Word taught? Is there fruit of the Spirit in my life?



2 | Responding To God.

Am I worshiping Jesus or something else? Am I talking and listening to God regularly? Am I repenting of my sin?



3 | Receiving From Others.

Am I in community with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?



4 | Moving Toward Others.

Am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church or just consuming?



5 | Going Out on Mission.

Am I regularly moving out toward those far from God, loving them and sharing God's Story and my own story?

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Acts 16:11-15 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>11</sup> So, **setting sail** from **Troas**, we **made a direct voyage** to **Samothrace**, and the **following** day to **Neapolis**, and from **there** to **Philippi**, which is a **leading city** of the **district** of **Macedonia** and a **Roman colony**. We **remained** in this **city** **some** days. And on the **Sabbath** day we **went** outside the **gate** to the **riverside**, where we **supposed there** was a **place** of **prayer**, and we sat down and **spoke** to the **women** who had **come**

**together**. One who **heard** us was a **woman** named **Lydia**, from the **city** of **Thyatira**, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The **Lord** opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the **Lord**, **come** to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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## life groups Study Guide (continued)

2. What are some of the "ordinary" things of life that you'll do this week? What do the following passages say about obeying God in the ordinary and mundane?

<sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **HEBREWS 10:25** (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. <sup>12</sup> Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others. **1 THESSALONIANS 4:11-12** (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup> Never stop praying. <sup>18</sup> Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18** (NLT)

3. This week we saw Lydia trust Christ and get baptized. It started with the ordinary habit of going to worship, and then Paul speaking with her and the ladies she was with. — Lydia hadn't heard about Jesus yet. And those of us who have heard about Jesus have the calling and responsibility to live out our faith, love others, and tell them about him. **Who comes to mind when you hear this? In what ways do you hope your life shows them Jesus?** Take a moment to pray for this person, for your part in their life, and for their.

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven give to mankind by which we must be saved. **ACTS 4:12**

### Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. Consider **dividing into separate groups of men and women** as you pray for one another.

Parts of Question 1 this week are borrowed from Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine, Second Edition. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2020), 465.



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