



Week 1 Discussion Questions

Philippians Introduction and Greeting

Acts 16 and Philippians 1:1-2

Icebreaker:

What is one highlight from your summer and what are you looking forward to in this next season?

Read this week's passages: Acts 16 and Philippians 1:1-2

What stands out to you from the passages or sermon this week?

Paul the Apostle is the author of the book of Philippians. Who is Paul and what do you know about his life?

The account in Acts 16 tells of the first followers of Christ in Philippi and the establishment of the church there. Paul's relationship with these Christians later prompts him to write a letter of encouragement to the church in Philippi. That letter is what we know as the book of Philippians. How do you see the Spirit leading Paul and Timothy in Acts 16 and how do they respond to its leading?

Who do Paul and Timothy meet in Philippi on their missionary journey, what details about these encounters stand out, and what is the result of each encounter?

What is one word you would use to describe yourself and your place in the community of believers at Calvary?

In the opening verses of the letter to the Philippians, Paul addresses the recipients of his letter as the "saints" in Philippi. What comes to mind when you think of a saint?

The word "saint" means "holy ones." To be "holy" is to be "set apart". **All** Christians in the New Testament and beyond are considered "saints" who are holy and set apart, not for anything they have done, but because **all** have been made holy through the blood of Christ. If you are a Christian, you are a saint. What impact does being considered a saint have on how you view yourself and how should it impact the way you live your life?

Paul calls himself and Timothy servants of Christ Jesus in the opening of the letter to the Philippians when in his other letters he refers to himself as an apostle. How do you see Paul demonstrate this posture of Christ-like service in his life and in his actions in Acts 16?

How would your life look different if you intentionally sought to live as a saint and a servant of Christ this next week?