Book of Acts
Chapter 15:36 – 16:40

Lesson 15

15:36-41

What was the cause of the conflict between Paul and Barnabas?

- Paul suggest to Barnabas
  - Let's visit to the brothers in the cities from the 1st missionary journey.
- Barnabas wants to bring: John Mark.
- Paul didn't want John Mark
  - Because he deserted them on their 1st trip.

1a

15:36-41

What was the result of their disagreement?

- The missionaries went in two different directions. ↰↱
- Barnabas and Mark went to Cyprus
- Paul and Silas went through Syria and Cilicia

2a

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15:36-41

Based on the cross-references about Mark, did Barnabas make a good choice?

- Colossians 4:10
  - Barnabas was Mark's cousin
- 1 Peter 5:13
  - Peter calls Mark a son.
    - Acts 12:11-12 Peter went to Mary's house (Mark's mother) after the angel brought him out of prison.

3a

15:36-41

Based on the cross-references about Mark, did Barnabas make a good choice?

- Philemon 1:23-24
  - Paul's calls Mark a fellow worker
- 2 Timothy 4:11
  - Mark was useful to Paul for service / ministry.
- Tradition says this is the Mark who wrote the Gospel of Mark

3b

15:36-41

How do you think differences in personality affected the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas?

- Paul was very zealous and intense; in his letters he doesn't describe defectors kindly.
- Barnabas was an encourager, maybe he saw Marks potential.

4a

16:1-5

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5a

16:1-5

What do we know about Timothy from these verses?

- Timothy may have been from, Lystra
- His mother was a believing Jew, but his father was a Greek.
- The brothers in Lystra and Iconium spoke well of Timothy.

16:1-5

Why did Paul circumcise Timothy?

- Because Timothy's father was Greek
- Too avoid trouble with the Jews.

6b

16:1-5

What do these cross-references tell us about Timothy?

- 1 and 2 Timothy
  - Paul's son in the faith
  - His sincere faith in God was nurtured by his grandmother and mother
  - From childhood he was acquainted with the Scriptures
  - Followed Paul's example

7a

16:1-5

What do these cross-references tell us about Timothy?

- 1 Corinthians 4:17
  - Paul sent Timothy to Corinth to remind them of Paul's ways and teaching in Christ.

16:1-5

What do these cross-references tell us about Timothy?

- Philippians 2:19-23
  - Paul said Timothy was an example of a servant who was genuinely concerned for the church.
  - Timothy had proven his worth in serving Paul.

16:1-5

What did Paul and his companions do as they traveled from town to town? What impact did they have?

- They delivered the decrees from the apostles and elders in Jerusalem.
- Strengthening the churches in the faith, so they grew spiritually as well as numerically.

16:6-10

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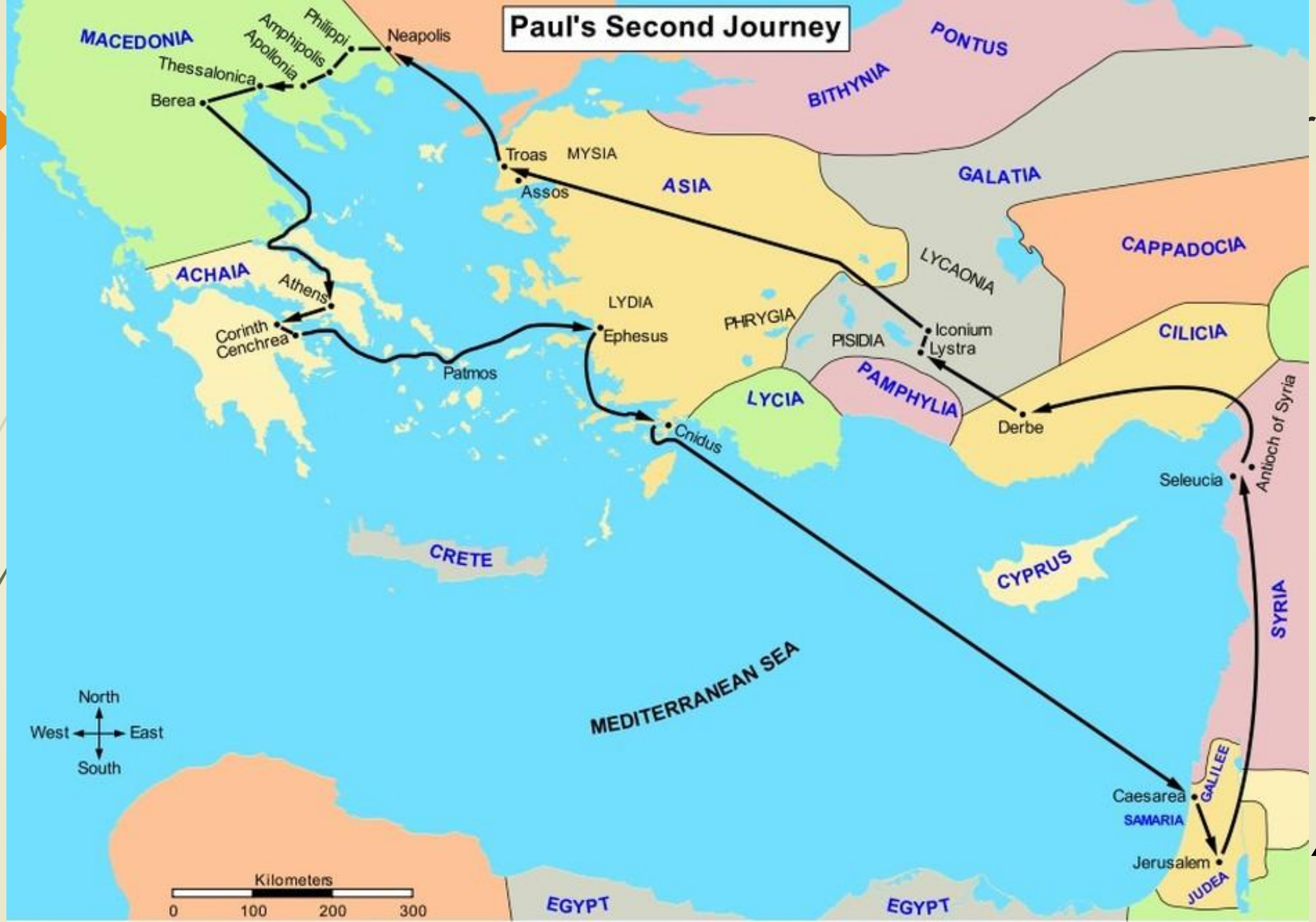
16:6-10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11a

16:6-10

What do these verses teach about God?

- The Triune supernatural God directed their path.
  - Holy Spirit - no Asia
  - Spirit of Jesus – no Bithynia
  - Vision from God – yes Macedonia

12a

16:6-10

What is the significance of the pronoun (“they” to “we”) change between verses 8 and 10?

- It seems that Luke, the author of Acts, joined Paul and his associates at Troas.

16:11-15

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16:11-15

Who was Lydia?

- A women from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods.
- A gentile who worshiped with the Jewish women.

16:11-15

How did Lydia respond to Paul's words?

- God opened Lydia's heart to pay attention to Paul's message.
  - Parallels to this divine illumination and receptivity to the gospel can also be found in verses:
    - John 6:44a, Romans 9:15-16, 1 Corinthians 2:14
- She and her household were baptized.

16:16-24

Who else did they encounter in Philippi? What happened?

- A demon-possessed slave girl followed them.
- Paul commanded the demon to leave the girl, and it did.
- Paul and Silas were publicly beaten and put in prison because the girl's masters who suffered loss of profit from her fortune-telling.

16:16-24

How did the demon-possessed girl make it difficult for Paul's ministry?

- **"These men are servants of the most High God"**. A Jew would understand this to be Yahweh, but a Greek would apply it to Zeus.
- She told the truth but… her shouting may have attracted more attention than the gospel itself.

16:25-34

What happened in the prison?

- Paul and Silas were praying and singing praises to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.
- They were released from their chains by an act of God.
- The jailer trembled in fear and asked, **"Sirs, what must I do the be saved?"**

16:25-44

What happened in the prison?

- Paul and Silas answered, **"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."**
- The jailer took them home and his entire household were saved.

16:35-40

How does this chapter end?

- Notice that in verses 35-36 they are back in the prison
- The city magistrates wanted to release Paul and Silas secretly.
- Paul and Silas declared they were Roman citizens – which humbles the magistrates.
- It seems, from the change in pronouns again, maybe Luke stayed in Philippi.

How might Paul have been helping the cause of the Philippian church when he first didn't assert his rights as a Roman citizen and later did?