



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: When the Lord Opens Your Heart

Sermon Date: June 10, 2018

Scripture: Acts 16:12-15

Speaker: Pastor Rod Randall

1. Begin by having group members reflect on Sunday's Annual Celebration. What made an impression on you? How about that potluck?

READ Acts 16:12-15

2. Lydia was "a dealer in purple cloth." If you had to make a career move and knew you'd succeed, what would you do and why?
3. Thanks in part to Lydia, we have the book of Philippians. What verses in it really speak to you? If needed, take a few moments to glance over the chapters.
4. Lydia's conversion happens when the Lord opens her heart and she believes Paul's message. How should this influence our outreach efforts in terms of our prayers and witness?
5. When you think of the testimonies and baptisms from Sunday, what really impacted you?
6. Lydia was baptized right after her conversion to Christ. Nowadays people often put it off much longer. Why the difference?
7. Read Matthew 3:13-17. Why do you think Jesus was baptized?
8. What does Romans 6:1-5 teach us about baptism?
9. Lydia persuades the team of missionaries she has just met to stay at her house. Can you think of a time when you were shown hospitality and it really meant a lot to you?
10. What are ways we can show hospitality besides having someone over to our house?
11. Read Romans 12:13, 1 Peter 4:9, Hebrews 13:2. Why do you think hospitality is commanded in the Bible?
12. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate Harbor Trinity in the area of hospitality? How can we improve as a church?
13. How can you show hospitality as a small group? As individuals?