

STUDY GUIDE

Acts 16:1-15

“The Sovereign Spirit in Salvation”

- 1) In the book of Acts we see that church was born out the filling of the Holy Spirit and the expansion of the church was due to the powerful working of the Holy Spirit. Where do you see the Holy Spirit in your life?

- 2) In what ways can the church affirm the Holy Spirit’s calling the right people to do God’s work?

- 3) Paul circumcision of Timothy revealed that the Spirit can give us wisdom to know which convictions to take a stand for, and which areas we need to yield out of love. Share examples of our need for that wisdom.

- 4) The common perception in North American Christianity is that gospel about getting people saved from hell. Why is that a perversion of the gospel? What are other perversions of the gospel? What is the true gospel?

- 5) The Holy Spirit spoke to the apostle Paul through a vision. Why must we be careful regarding visions? In what other ways can we hear the Holy Spirit?

- 6) The leading of the Holy Spirit that brought the apostle Paul and Lydia to Philippi in Macedonia reveals that the work the Spirit of God will most often be beyond our expectations. Share of times when God has done that in your own life or in the lives of others.

- 7) Discuss the meaning and implications (personally and for the church) of the following statement:

 “We need to remember that the Christian life is not about us and our comforts and our preferences. Life is about fulfilling the purpose of our existence and bringing glory to God. It is about telling other people about Jesus and His character and what He has done and what He has declared His will to be and then living according to that will.”