

## OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...

Tell about a time when you had to cancel big plans because something came up unexpectedly. How did you feel about the change?

## DIG

The Apostle Paul was one of the best-known missionaries of the early church. Along with a small team, he traveled to many cities taking the good news of Jesus to new cities.

**Read Acts 16:6-10** to see how Paul's missionary plans were changed unexpectedly.

*<sup>6</sup>Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. <sup>7</sup>When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. <sup>8</sup>So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

How did God guide the missionary team on their journey?

How did the missionary team interpret the vision Paul received?

When and how did the group respond to the instructions they understood?

In what ways would have you seen God speak to his people in your lifetime?

How can we be receptive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit today?

What do you typically do when the Holy Spirit changes your plans?

## APPLY

What events or people did God use to open your heart to the Gospel?

Where do you have an open door to serve, minister, or teach someone now?

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### Sermon Series

This discussion guide is based on a sermon series entitled "The Kingdom Unleashed: Themes in the Book of Acts." The series is designed to motivate people to embrace the Kingdom of God in their lives, making disciples of others.

### Big Idea

This lesson is a reminder that God sometimes directs his people to new opportunities for ministry. When he does, you can always trust that he will provide the resources necessary for the ministry.

### Prayer

Pray for God to show where your next ministry opportunities are as individuals and as a group.

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### Group Discussion Reminder

The blessings of being in a group are multiplied when your group is outwardly focused. Find someone outside your group to bless in the next few days.