



January 24, 2016 **Chapter 3**

Called to Suffer: Paul's Second Missionary Journey (Part 1)

Goals

- Be introduced to the first conflict in the early church, how it was resolved, and what resulted from its resolution.
- Explore how Paul's second missionary journey was shaped by the Holy Spirit.
- Encounter the stories of the conversions of Lydia and the jailer at Philippi.
- Consider the history and theology of baptism.
- Continue to make connections between the life and message of Paul and your own life and faith.

Biblical Text (Acts 16:6-10)

"Paul and his companions traveled throughout the regions of Phrygia and Galatia because the Holy Spirit kept them from speaking the word in the province of Asia. When they approached the province of Mysia, they tried to enter the province of Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus wouldn't let them. Passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas instead. A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them."

Questions

- *Are there conflicts you can name that our congregation is facing or has faced in the past?*
- *With what conflicts is our denomination or the church at-large presently dealing?*

Video Review

- Why did Paul decide to take the gospel to Europe? Have you ever pushed yourself beyond your comfort zone? What happened?
- Why were Paul and Silas thrown into prison after healing the slave girl? How did they escape, and what did they do during the escape?
- Why were the magistrates afraid when they learned Paul was a Roman citizen? Why do you think Paul decided to challenge the magistrates before leaving town?
- What can we learn about suffering from the example of Paul?

Outline

- Division on the Ranks - Paul and the Jerusalem Council
- The route of Paul's second missionary journey
- Ministry at Philippi
- Paul's Miracles
- Learning from Paul's Life

