

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Paul and Timothy had a very special relationship with the Church in Philippi. It supported them in so many ways. We will be looking at the thank you letter they wrote by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we call the book of *Philippians* today. This week we are looking at the beginning of that congregation as recorded in Acts chapter 16. Let's investigate how this its birth and growth can direct us in how God is likely to work in FCCW.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday Morning

**READ Acts 16:11-40; First John 1:1-4; Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:1-8; Matthew 16:16-19.** DISCUSS How did the church at Philippi get started? What did you learn from its beginning ? PRAY "Lord Christ, teach us to trust You with the growth of Your Church globally and this congregation specifically."

## Sunday Evening

Come join the *Young Adults' Fellowship* tonight at 6pm. Pray for them!

## Monday

**READ Acts 16:11-40; 17:1-4.** DISCUSS Where did Paul usually start in a new city? Who was usually there? What did they do there? How was it the same/different at Philippi? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:23-25.** PRAY, "Lord Jesus, thank You for Your faithfulness. Enable us to rest in Your faithfulness as You make us faithful too."

## Tuesday

**READ Acts 16:11-40; First John 1:1-4.** DISCUSS With whom was the apostles' fellowship? How does God enable us to share in that fellowship? How do the God-appointed *means of grace* (Scripture, prayer, gathered worship, the sacraments) enable us to grow together? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:23-25.** PRAY, "Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness in giving us all we need. Guide us, Holy Spirit. "

### Wednesday

READ **Acts 16:11-40; 2:37-41; 11:19-26**. DISCUSS, How were people added to the church? In each place the missionaries went proclaiming the gospel, what sprang up? Why? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:23-25**. PRAY, “Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness in building Your Church.”

### Thursday

READ **Acts 16:11-40; Hebrews 13:1-8; Exodus 25:23-30**. DISCUSS, How did the new Christians relate to one another? What was the role of hospitality? How does our admittance to God’s table affect our welcoming others? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:23-25**. PRAY, Lord You alone are Wise. Teach us to trust Your wisdom and rejoice in what You have planned for us.”

### Friday

READ **Acts 16:11-40; First John 1:1-4; Hebrews 10:19-16; 13:1-8; Matthew 16:16-19**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if Christ has given you the honor to be identified among His people! MEDITATE on **Hebrews 10:23-25**. PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

### Saturday

PREPARE today to participate in the worship service tomorrow. READ *Philippians*. Invite others to join you for either the *in-person or live-stream service* tomorrow. Ask Jesus to make us more like Himself.

## Hebrews 10:23-25

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, *not neglecting to meet together*, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”