



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

DWELLING IN THE WORD: ACTS 16:6-15

New Revised Standard Version, adapted for ECCT

⁶They went through the region of Bridgeport and Stamford, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in the South Central Region. ⁷When they had come opposite New York, they attempted to go into Westchester, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Waterbury, they went up to Torrington. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Moodus pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Moodus and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross the Connecticut River to the Northeast Region, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news east of the river.

¹¹We set sail from Hartford and took a straight course to East Haddam, the following day we traveled to Norwich, ¹²and from there to New London, which is a leading city of the Southeast Region. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³on the Sabbath day we went south of I-95 by Long Island Sound, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of New Haven and a dealer in blue cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Please turn over for instructions.



DWELLING IN THE WORD INSTRUCTIONS

1. After first reading consider the following questions in silence:
 - Where did your imagination stop?
 - Are there words, phrases, ideas that grasp you?
 - Underline or take note of the words or phrases.
2. After second reading consider again the following questions in silence:
 - Where did your imagination stop?
 - Are there words, phrases, ideas that grasp you?
 - Underline or take note of the words or phrases.

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Having read and reflected briefly on the passage consider the question:

- How do you think the Spirit of God might be nudging you?
3. In pairs with a neighbor sitting next to you, briefly share the words, phrases, and ideas you identified in the passage and/or how you think the Spirit of God might be nudging you. Listen carefully as you will share what you heard from your partner with the whole table.
 4. Go around the table sharing very briefly the words, phrases, and ideas your partner identified in the passage and/or how the Spirit of God might be nudging your partner.