



# To the Ends of the Earth

## Beginning in Your Backyard - Week 2

### Let's Review

Jot down or share at least two biblical truths we learned last week that make you more comfortable and/or confident telling others about Jesus.

Were you able to identify people in your life who are not churched?

Did you count how many unchurched people you interacted with this week? If so, how many was it?

### Let's Get Started

How would you rate your attempts to verbally share your faith with others?

- *I enjoy sharing my faith and look for opportunities to do so.*
- *I try to share my faith regularly, but don't feel very confident.*
- *Once or twice a year I might talk about Jesus with someone.*
- *I don't try doing that. I don't feel comfortable.*
- *Other*

If given the opportunity to participate in training for outreach ministry, I would...

- *Be cautiously interested*
- *Be available if asked*
- *Run the other way*
- *Sign up eagerly*

Jot down or share a time when you intentionally sought out an opportunity to share the gospel or invite someone to hear the gospel.

## Goals for Tonight

### Paul's Call to Macedonia

Acts 16:6-12

### Let's Ponder

Jesus used a dream to tell Paul to proclaim the gospel in Macedonia. He has not used a dream to tell you where to proclaim the gospel. However, in what way has Jesus put you into a particular mission field?

Share ways your life has been shaped that provide(d) opportunities to tell people about Jesus.

Although Paul knew he had been called by Jesus to preach the gospel in Macedonia, he was not told specifically how or where to do so. How does this correspond to our situation?

How does a congregation decide how or where to reach out with the gospel?

Share examples.

Let's discover St. Paul's plan in Philippi:

#### **Acts 16:13-15**

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Paul's normal practice

Paul's plan in Philippi

### Intentional Evangelism

What are some examples of intentional evangelism today?

Why might some Christians object to participating in intentional evangelism?

Your personal mission field

### **Evangelizing the De-churched**

Agree or Disagree? “Lydia’s faith was incomplete.”

Share an example from your experience when you interacted with someone who’s faith was “incomplete”.

What are some reasons people become “de-churched”?

How to help the de-churched

### **Evangelism Responsibilities**

Our job =

Mark 16:15

Romans 10:13-14,17

The Holy Spirit’s job =

Acts 16:13-15

Acts 2:47

I Corinthians 3:6

Ephesians 2:5

The Thorough Declaration of the Formula of Concord – Article II

How does what the Bible teaches about evangelism responsibilities help to overcome your fears about being an evangelist?

Agree or disagree? Because conversion is the Holy Spirit's job, it doesn't matter how we proclaim the gospel.

### **Takeaways**

Identify at least two things you can take away from our study this evening.

### **For Next Time**