

Acts 16:9-15

The Common English Bible

⁹A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” ¹⁰Immediately 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. ¹¹We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. ¹²From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia’s first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. ¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. ¹⁴One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul’s message. ¹⁵Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, “Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house.” And she persuaded us.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

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¹O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us...

²that your way may be known upon the earth, your saving power among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷God has blessed us...

let all the ends of the earth fear God!

John 14:23-29

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²³Jesus answered, “Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever doesn’t love me doesn’t keep my words. The word that you hear isn’t mine. It is the word of the Father who sent me. ²⁵“I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. ²⁶The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you. ²⁷“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid. ²⁸You have heard me tell you, ‘I’m going away and returning to you.’ If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than me. ²⁹I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe.