

Bible Character series of readings – week 46

11th September 16

Monday: Acts 16:6-15. Lydia - a worshipper. Lydia is described as a worshipper of God but didn't know about Jesus until she heard Paul and his co-workers sharing the good news. Her response was immediate - she got baptised. When you grasp new truth do you respond as quickly and as wholeheartedly?

Tuesday: Acts 16:14-40. Lydia - a key member of the church. We know so little about Lydia, as she is only mentioned in this chapter. But her home was the place where the church met. Pray today for the home in which your cell group generally meets, or the people who open up their homes regularly to encourage the development of God's work.

Wednesday: Jonah 1:1-3. Immediately after God's command to Jonah, we read that Jonah ran away from God. This may not actually be possible but many of us find ways to try to do the opposite of what God asks of us. Will you use Jonah's poor example to spur you on to fully surrendering your life to Jesus today?

Thursday: Jonah 1:4-7. Jonah was physically asleep and this reflected his spiritual apathy towards God. The casting of lots reveals that he was to blame for the sailors' difficulties, and God slowly and graciously begins to wake up Jonah to his sin and his need to repent. Is there anything you need to admit to God and change in your life?

Friday: Jonah 1:8-16. Jonah's request to be thrown overboard is a strange one, and indicates his depressed and irrational state. Yet when the sailors eventually do so, the result causes them to change their view of God! Praise God that he can even use our sin and failures to draw people nearer to himself!