

Paul and his friends packed up their things and went down to the port and arranged for their trip. When they arrived in Macedonia, the missionaries continued on to Philippi.

“Why did we come to Philippi?” It was the main city in that part of Macedonia. But there was no synagogue. “Why did the Holy Spirit bring us here?”

“How are we going to find people to talk to about Jesus if there isn’t a synagogue?”

“We must start one!” Paul suggested, “Why don’t we go outside the city? Many times when there isn’t a synagogue, people meet at the river to pray. We should go to the river and see if anyone is there.”

The missionaries didn’t have to look for long.

They quickly found a group of women who gathered there every Saturday to pray and encourage one another. Along the river, Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke sat down and began to talk to the women about Jesus.

One of the women was named Lydia. She sold purple cloth. God had opened her heart so that she was attentive to Paul’s message.

“I believe. I want to be Christian!” Lydia said.

Paul baptized Lydia and all of her household. Lydia was very happy because the missionaries had come to Macedonia. She invited them to her home. Then she said to them, “If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house.”

Who Did God Call?

Draw a line from each Bible character to the orders they received from God.

- A. *“Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, ... then the wall of the city will collapse.”* **Noah**
- B. *“Get up, Peter, kill and eat ... Don’t call anything impure that God has made clean.”* **Paul**
- C. *“Make yourself an ark of cypress wood ... you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives ... bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female.”* **Joshua**
- D. *“Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.”* **Peter**
- E. *“Come over to Macedonia and help us.”* **Moses**