

CBC's Women's Ministry Bible Study
TWELVE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN by John MacArthur
CHAPTER 11 - *Lydia: A Hospitable Heart Opened (Acts 16:14)*
EPILOGUE

After reading chapter eleven and the Epilogue, please respond to each item in preparation for group discussion:

1. What was Lydia on record for in the New Testament?

2. What two ironies are recorded in the account of Lydia's redemption? Discuss how God's purposes can be hidden from our sight.
 - a.

 - b.

3. During the second missionary journey what prompted Paul and his missionary team to leave church planting in Asia Minor to take the gospel to Europe during the second missionary journey?

How can we know that Luke, writer of one of the Gospels, was part of this missionary team?

4. Why do you suppose the Lord selected Philippi as the city to begin the outreach to Europe?

5. What do we know about Lydia before her encounter with Paul's team?

6. Write down points you would like to make in the discussion of how a person is saved by grace and how the sinner is included in the process.

7. Lydia's first step of obedience to the Lord was to be baptized.

a. Who immediately followed her?

b. How did this glorify God?

8. How did Lydia's hospitality advance the gospel?

9. EPILOGUE:

What characteristics were common among all twelve of the "Extraordinary Women" we studied?

"Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul."

Acts 16:14 NKJV