

## ***Fall Bible Study 2024***

*November 18, 2024, 6:30 PM (on zoom)*

### **Lesson Eight: Lydia – Our Last Woman of Significance**

#### **Welcome and Lighting of the Candle**

#### **Opening Prayer**

**Background discussion: Lydia is not well-known or given much information in our scriptures, but her Church at Philippi was an important early church. What do we know about the Philippians?**

**Biblical study:** Our Biblical reference to Lydia is very brief, but gives us some insight to a leader in faith.

- 1) Paul's meeting of Lydia in Philippi. Acts 16:11-15

Read and discuss: What does this passage reveal about Lydia? Why is she important to Paul?

- 2) Paul and Silas's treatment in Philippi. Acts 16:16-34

Read and discuss: How does Paul's action in the prison effect the community, especially the jailer. (Background to what Lydia understood)

- 3) Before Paul leaves, he returns to Lydia's. Acts 16:35-40

Read and discuss: Encouraging Lydia and the gathered church was important to Paul. How do you think Paul felt about Lydia?

- 4) Paul's letter to the Philippians is a letter of Joy and Gratitude. See Philippians 1:3-11; 18b-28; 2:1-5; 12-16; 4:4-9, 10-19

Read and discuss: As we read these passages, envision Lydia getting this letter from Paul in prison and sharing it with the church. How would she feel? What do you think she would do?

**Concluding thoughts:** With which of the Women that we have studied do you most closely identify? What characteristics of our women seem most important? What have you gained from this study?

**Closing Prayers**