

S.G. Study Guide: *To the End of the Earth*. Acts 16:1-10

1. Build a community. (Acts 16:1-5)

- What words and/or thoughts come to mind when you think of a Christian community? Share and discuss.
- 4 aspects of healthy Christian community were examined. Revisit and discuss them:
 1. *Sometimes God moves someone out to bring someone in*: Discuss this in the context of God's providence.
 2. *Character always matters in the church*: How we treat each other matters. How can we show the world our love by the way we do life together?
 3. *Be willing to be all things to all that we might win some*: What things are we willing to freely circumcise for the advancement of the gospel?
 4. *Be a conduit of unity and growth not the cause of discord and decline*: Discuss why preaching what we practice and embracing sound doctrine are vital to foster healthy Christian community.

2. To reach a community (Acts 16:6-10)

- We can do anything but not everything. Discuss this.
- Why is reaching a community the natural product of building a healthy Christian community? Discuss
- Discuss the 3 practical points of being sensitive to the Holy Spirit:
 1. *Understand that the Holy Spirit's "no" is really a not there or not yet*: Discuss the need to align our desires with God's providence. Discuss the need for our obedience to always be greater than our passion?
 2. *Patience amidst persistence is a key to building community with the lost*: Discuss the following- We must learn how to serve when God's will differs from our desire or plan. How can we bloom where we are planted vs. where we want to be planted?
 3. *Christian community will have the core, the committed, and the crowd*: Who represents the core, committed and crowd in Acts 16:1-10? Make modern parallels and discuss.