

## **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.