

## Message Notes

Acts 16:11-15

### 1. God prepares our hearts

*“On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.”*

Acts 16:13

### 2. God’s grace comes to us in ordinary, everyday moments

*“A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.”* Acts 16:14

### 3. Knowing Jesus changes our hearts and our lives

*“When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.*

Acts 16:15

## Prayer for the Week

Creator of the Universe, you are far-seeing, far-reaching, far-beyond our wildest imagination. Call us into your vision, to seek what you desire for us, which is to be one with you. In the love of Christ, may we love one another. In the wisdom of the Spirit, may we serve one another. In your vision, O God, may we dwell with one another in your peace. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen. *by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

## The Kingdom is near:

1. How is God preparing your heart for something new?
2. In everyday life, when do you experience the Spirit of God?
3. How do you deal with change? Do you embrace it, fear it, ignore it?
4. How can you trust God in the midst of change?