THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Acts 16:6-15

Introduction:
A. Jesus promised the church that it would have the presence of the Holy Spirit
   1) John 16:7-16
   2) The church received the "gifts" on the day of Pentecost. These
      were to be the "operatives" of the church. "Power", "doctrine",
      "morals", "direction", "inspiration".
   3) Today we have the Bible

B. In these scriptures we see the Holy Spirit at work
   1) The Holy Spirit worked with the saved
   2) The Holy Spirit worked with unbelievers

I. The Holy Spirit and Topographical Location   Vs. 6-9
A. The Holy Spirit forbade them to preach in Asia
   1) "forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia"   Vs. 6
   2) "forbidden" = koluo = "to cut off", "to weaken", hence "to hinder",
      "prevent", "restrain"
   3) Paul wanted to go to Asia, the Holy Spirit hindered them and they
      went to the areas of Phrygia and Galatia
   4) Gal. 4:11-15, 13-14

B. Paul wanted to preach in Bithynia, but the Holy Spirit, "suffered them not"
   1) ouk + eao = "to let", "let be", "permit"
   2) The "Spirit of Jesus" would not let it be. Paul wanted to preach
      in the North, but God drove him West to Troas   Vs. 8, Troy
   3) II Cor. 2:12-13
   4) II Tim. 4:9-13

C. The call from Macedonia   Vs. 9
   1) "vision" = horama = "thing seen", "a sight", "spectacle"
   2) "come over into Macedonia and help us"
II. How To Respond To The Holy Spirit    Vs. 10

A. They responded immediately    Vs. 10
   1) "immediately" = heutheos = "at once"
   2) "gathering" = subibaxomai = "to cause to put together", "to conclude
      by putting circumstances together"
   3) What had the Lord called them to do?    Vs. 10b

B. They took a "straight course"    Vs. 11
   1) heuthudromeo = "to run straight", "to sail with a straight course"
   2) "one over-night stop"

C. They went to the chief city    Vs. 12
   1) "chief city" = first = "the first" The leading town in that province,
      (area of Macedonia)
   2) "colony" = kolonia = Latin, A group of Romans sent to build a "little Rome"
      and to keep in close contact with Rome.
   3) They waited on the Lord    Vs. 12

III. Doing The Work The Holy Spirit Leads Us To Do    Vs. 13-15

A. They went to worship    Vs. 13a
   1) The riverside, a temporary synagogue
   2) Psalm 137: "By the reivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept"
   3) These places were often enclosed by walls, perhaps in a circle,
      with no roof.

B. They taught those who came    Vs. 13b
   1) Jesus and the woman at the well
   2) These women had come to pray
   3) The Macedonian man was an Asian woman!
C. They taught the truth Vs. 14
1) Lydia heard them teach
2) The Lord, "opened her heart"
3) "opened" = dianoigo = "to open fully", "lay open what has formerly been closed"
4) She believed what Paul preached
5) "attended" = prosecho = "to hold to", "to bring near to", "to cleave to", "attach one's self to" she totally accepted and clung to his message.

D. They baptized people Vs. 15
1) "and when she was baptized"
2) "household" = oikos = "a house", "those dwelling in it"

E. They accepted hospitality
1) "come into my house"
2) "abide there"
3) "constrain" = parabiazomai = "to do a thing by force against nature or law", "to compel" (as though by over much entreaty)

F. They remembered the good that these Philippians did to them
1) Phil. 1:3-6
2) Phil. 4:15-