

Week 16 | LEADER GUIDE

Acts 16 | Paul's Second Missionary Journey Begins

APPRENTICE TOOLS: Leadership Expectations

As you apprentice someone to become a leader, it is important to take time to walk them through our leadership expectations. Leadership expectations keep our church leaders aligned on mission, commitment, and essential theological principles. We don't expect every leader or apprentice to be able to preach a sermon on each of the areas of alignment, but we do expect leaders to have wrestled with what the Bible says about these things and be willing to commit to lead within the guidelines of these expectations.

One excellent way to help an apprentice wrestle with these things is to sit down and walk them through the expectations, look up the scriptures where there are questions, and involve your network leader or small group pastor when you don't know how to answer a particular question or concern. You can find the 2|42 [leadership expectations here](#).

GATHER

How did Sabbath go this week?

Have you ever been on a mission trip? If so, tell us about it. If not, do you have any desire to go on one?

DISCUSS

Read Acts 16

- What stood out to you? Why was that important to you?
- What do we learn about the early church in this chapter?
- What do we learn about the work of the Holy Spirit in this chapter?
- What does it mean for us?
- What is one important takeaway for you in this chapter?

PRACTICE | REPENTANCE

When Jesus began his public ministry, Mark tells us the message he proclaimed went like this: *"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"* (Mark 1|15)

Repentance means turning away from sin *and* turning toward God. It involves a changed heart, a changed mind, and a changed direction for your life. In scripture, like with Jesus' teaching in Mark, repentance is often paired with belief or faith and is essential for forgiveness and salvation (Acts 3|19, Luke 5|32, 2 Corinthians 7|10)

When the earliest church leaders called people to repent, they often paired that with a call to be baptized as well. Baptism is the ceremonial washing of a sinful life and rebirth to new life in Christ, and is also seen as an essential part of our discipleship to Jesus, because he was baptized (Mark 1|9-11) and he called his followers to baptize new believers (Matthew 28|19-20). For more on baptism, we have this [Baptism resource](#) you can share with your group.

This week, practice repentance! You could:

- Identify a sin struggle and commit to turning away from it this week
- Reach out to someone in the group and ask them to keep you accountable from a sin you've committed to turn from in the past
- If you've never been baptized and are considering that step, talk to someone about baptism
- In Matthew 3|8, John the Baptist said, *"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance."* What might this mean for your life? Do that!

PRAYER

How can we be praying for one another?