

AN OPEN HEART

Acts 16:13-15

INTRO:

- A. Lydia's heart was open to the word preached by Paul.
- B. Is your heart open to the word?

I. HEARTS/MINDS

- A. Some close their hearts. Matthew 13:13-15
- B. Some are anxious to hear. Acts 10:30-33; 11:14
- C. Some are motivated to obey. Acts 2:37, 41
- D. Others become angry or violent. Acts 7:54, 57-59

II. LYDIA

- A. Prayed & worshipped God. Acts 16:13-14
- B. Paul taught her. Acts 16:14, 30-33
- C. She obeyed. Acts 16:15, 40

III. THE GOSPEL

- A. God's power to save. Romans 1:16
- B. The way God calls us. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
- C. Available to all. Galatians 3:26-29
 - 1. God is not partial. Acts 10:34-35
- D. Reconciles us to God. Colossians 1:21-23

IV. HOW IS YOUR HEART?

- A. The parable of the sower. Luke 8:5-9
- B. It's all about hearts. Luke 8:11-15

CONCLUSION:

- A. God opened Lydia's heart by the words of the gospel.
- B. Others hear the same gospel and turn away.
- C. Have you let the real gospel into your heart?
- D. Have you accepted it and obey it?
- E. Time is going by and judgment is drawing near.