

# Lydia: Seeking God's Presence

## Heroes On Mission #3

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First Convert in Europe

Influential Testimony

Established First Church in Philippi

### 1. God's drawing leads to believing.

#### **Acts 16:14** (NIV)

One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

#### **John 6:44** (NIV)

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them...

#### **Ephesians 2:8-9** (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

### 2. Believing leads to transformation.

#### **Acts 16:15** (NIV)

When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

#### **Acts 2:38** (NIV)

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### 3. Transformation leads to furthering God's kingdom.

#### **Acts 16:40** (NIV)

After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.