

1. Read Acts 16 for historical background on the planting of the church at Philippi.
2. Read through Philippians in one sitting to get a sense for the letter.
3. Read the introductory materials.
4. Re-read Philippians, looking at the following concepts:
  - a. Joy
  - b. Jesus
  - c. Grace
  - d. “Cruciform living” (“take up your cross and follow Jesus”)
  - e. Partnership in the Gospel
5. Make note of any questions or initial observations you have and be ready to discuss!