



Careful leading by the Holy Spirit indicates the tremendous spiritual importance of the gospel going West into Europe. Asia was the province of proconsular Asia. Mysia and Bithynia were North of Asia. The Holy Spirit led them to Troas, gateway by the sea to Europe, where the Macedonian (European) vision was given. Following the Spirit's direction always leads to effective witnessing. Are you following the Spirit's leading in your life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read [Acts 16:1-15](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. Whom did Paul find to accompany him on the preaching trip?
3. Re-read [verses 1-5](#). Where did this 2nd missionary journey begin?
4. In [verse 6](#), what happened when Paul and his companions decided to continue forward on their missionary journey? What happened in [verse 7](#), when they decided to continue forward in a different direction?
5. Remembering [verse 9](#), what did Paul see in a vision at Troas?
6. In [verses 8-9](#), what finally happened when Paul and his companions chose to continue forward on their missionary journey, despite all the setbacks and blockades?
7. -Have you ever tried to serve God, to only find roadblocks? What did you do? Based on these verses, what should you do the next time you meet a roadblock (trying to serve God and others)?
8. Where did the group then go to preach (Hint: [verse 10](#))?
9. In Philippi, where did Paul find people to share Jesus with? Who were they? What were they doing? How should you seek others?

MOVING FORWARD

How these hindrances to Paul and his companions were accomplished is not stated. It may have been circumstances, a word of prophecy, a vision, or some other phenomenon. At any rate, God planned for people in both Ephesus and Bithynia to hear the gospel at a later time. In the same way, God places desires in your heart and sometimes seems to restrict you from accomplishing those desires. We need to be in tune with God, so we can be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, as well as His guidance and timing.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

¹⁰ After he had seen the vision, we **immediately** made efforts to set out for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to **evangelize** them." Acts 16:10