



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 24 | READINGS 116-120
JULY 14 - 20

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THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **Lydia**, page 450
- **Paul and Silas in Prison**, page 453
- **Paul Sails for Rome** page 459
- **John's Vision of Heaven**, pages 467

This is the last week of the *Bring It Home* Bible study materials. We hope you have enjoyed this series. If you have questions, comments or suggestions for future at-home or small group studies, please let us know. Contact either Pastor Hansen (pastor@splcmv.org) or the family life coordinator, Julie Baumler (familylife@splcmv.org). You may also call the church at (319) 895-8772.

Meanwhile, we would encourage you to pick up your Bible and read some of the sections that weren't covered in the *Bring It Home* series. If you're looking for a great place to start, try the book of Psalms. It includes the prayers and praises of God's people written over many centuries.

Know the Bible Now (including Scripture references)

PAUL TELLS LYDIA ABOUT CHRIST— [Acts 16:6-15](#) | KtBN page 332

- Look at Acts 16:14b. The fact that you are here today, reading stories from the Bible means that God has opened up your hearts to pay attention to what is being said. What does that mean to you?
- Notice how Paul and the others didn't plan out every time they witnessed to others - it just happened. How might you prepare yourself to take advantage of opportunities God gives you to tell someone else about Jesus or invite them to church with you?

Prayer: *Lord, every day is new with the power of Your grace. Keep our eyes open for opportunities to share Your love with those around us. Amen.*

PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON — [Acts 16:16-34](#) | KtBN page 338

- The slave girl was possessed by Satan. What happened to her when Paul got irritated with the demon's raving?
- Why do you think Paul and Silas continued to pray and sing hymns to God while they were in prison?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we don't know how our life will turn out, but we know we can trust in Your never-ending love. Keep us always safe in you. Amen.*

PAUL SAILS TO ROME— [Acts 27:1-28:15](#) | KtBN page 340

- How do you think the rest of the crew felt when Paul said "everything is going to be OK?"
- Why do you think God allowed bad things like that to happen to Paul? What might it mean for him and others?

Prayer: *Lord, even when bad things come against us, Your love endures forever. Through all situations, keep my eyes fixed on Your mercy. Amen.*

PAUL WRITES TO THE PHILIPPIANS— [Philippians 1:1-7, 4:4-7](#) | KtBN page 343

- In this reading on Philippians, why could Paul have joy, even when he was imprisoned for being a Christian?
- What did Paul urge the Philippians to do when they became anxious?

Prayer: *Lord, even when bad things come against us, Your love endures forever. Through all situations, keep my eyes fixed on Your mercy. Amen.*

JOHN'S VISION OF HEAVEN — [Revelation 21-22](#) | KtBN page 354

- Read Revelation 21:4. John is describing heaven and eternal life. What does this passage tell you about heaven?
- What do you think is the most striking thing about the description of heaven in our reading?

Prayer: *Dear God, heaven is going to be great - more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior and for giving me the sure and certain hope of eternal life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*