

Woman of Honorable Distinction: Lessons from Lydia

Study Guide

Chapter 1

1. Lydia was in the right place, at the right time to meet Paul and the other missionaries. Can you think of an experience that you had where you were in the right place at the right time? How did that experience influence how you think about other situations in your life? About your future?
2. Do you believe in divine destiny? Why or why not?

Chapter 2

1. Think about your “business card.” How would you describe your who, what and where? What is your name? What do you do? Where are you from?
2. What lessons have you learned from your past that you are now applying to your present?

Chapter 3

1. How do you define worship? What does worship mean to you?
2. The Bible says that Lydia was a worshiper. Think about someone that you know that you would refer to as a worshiper. What unique attributes does he/she have?
3. Would someone describe you as a worshiper? Why or why not?

Chapter 4

1. What old beliefs does God need to “surgically” remove from you in order to open your heart? What is getting in the way of you totally opening your heart to God?
2. Are you a good candidate for God’s open heart surgery?

Chapter 5

1. What practical ways can you influence your household? Your husband? Your children?
2. If you are married, would your husband refer to you as the Proverbs 31 wife or as the wife who is like a “leaky roof” or “decay in his bones?” If the latter, what can you do to become more like the Proverbs 31 wife?

Chapter 6

1. Lydia offered hospitality to the missionaries. In what ways can we offer hospitality to those in the ministry?
2. We all have unique gifts and talents that we can offer to the ministry. What special gifts/talents do you have that you can use to bless someone else?

Chapter 7

1. Think of a time when someone effectively persuaded you to do something that you would not have otherwise done. What did they do to persuade you?
2. Why do you think Lydia was so insistent that the missionaries stay at her home?

Chapter 8

1. What is the difference between a true friend and a mere acquaintance?
2. What limits do you have when it comes to your friends? Is there anything you would not do for them? What would you sacrifice for them?

Epilogue

1. What legacy are you leaving for future generations?
2. Who are you impacting for Christ?

General

1. What is your overall impression of Lydia?
2. Does Lydia seem like someone you would be friends with?
3. If you could ask Lydia one question, what would it be?
4. What is the most important lesson that you learned from this book that you can apply to your life right now?

