

New Opportunities

Acts 16.1-10

1. A New Chapter Begins

- **centre of gravity movement**
Jerusalem → Antioch → Rome
Jews → Gentiles
Peter → Paul
- **God: eager to break new ground**
Isaiah 43.18-19
perceive it, and join in
don't be wedded to the past

2. A New Team Evolves, 15.40-16.3

- Silas for Barnabas, Timothy for Mark*
one of Paul's converts 14.8-19
1 Tim 1.1; 1 Cor 4.17
- **identify and nurture potential**
train future leaders
Phil 2.22; 2 Tim 2.22
- **cultivate a good reputation v2**

- **a curious decision?**
not for acceptance by God
15.1,5,8-11,19; Gal 5.2-6
but to appeal to unsaved people
1 Cor 9.19-22
- **a church commendation**
1 Tim 4.14; 2 Tim 1.6

3. A New Continent Reached, vs 4-10

- **maturity as well as mission**
best recipe for growth v5
- **expect God to guide**
sign of true sonship Rom 8.14
- **be open to Spirit's guidance**
keep in step Gal 5.25
- **closures and openings vs6-10**
he blocks for what's best
- **circumstances and convictions**
dreams and other people
- **personal and corporate**
fit all the pieces of the jigsaw