

An Opened Heart

Acts 16.11-15

1. Paul's' Strategy, vs 11-12

- *guided by the Spirit vs 6-10*
- *targeted key centres
for outward expansion
leading cities v12; 19.9-10
1 Thess 1.7-8*

2. Paul's' Simplicity, v13

- *he spoke to people
about Jesus Rom 10.17
faith comes from hearing*

3. Something Supernatural, v14

- *from worshipper to true believer
Lydia – an eager listener
a business woman
a seeker after truth*

➤ ***The Lord opened her heart***

***Conversion – something God does
not just human persuasion
but a new life from God
2 Cor 4.4; Eph 2.1,4-5***

***Conversion – a change of heart
not just mental understanding
but Christ enthroned as Lord
1 Peter 3.15; Ezek 36.26-27***

4. Something Symbolic, v15

➤ ***baptism***

***signed up with Jesus Mat 28.19-20
our public pledge 1 Pet 3.21***

➤ ***hospitality***

a sign of acceptance Rom 15.7