

Week of October 29, 2023  
Series: The Story, Ch. 9, Pt. 3  
Sermon: Church on the Move  
Text: Acts 16-28

### **Sermon Outline:**

#### **When the Spirit leads, and the Gospel is clear...**

1. Diverse community is created. (ch. 16)
2. Cultural idols are confronted. (ch. 17-19)
3. Surrendered lives become catalytic. (ch. 20-28)

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Read Revelation 7:9-10. In Acts 16, we come across a Macedonian woman, a slave girl, and a Roman prison guard. While we may desire our church to have diversity, we will only be diverse as our relationships. In the past year, how many people of different races, ages, and stages of life have you had in your living room and dining room? As we enter the holiday season, what can you do to build diverse relationships for the sake of the gospel?
2. Read Acts 19:23-27. Here the idol was money. Other idols can be power, sex, ideology, lifestyle, ethnicity, etc. Idols are generally good things made to be supreme. Why can't you follow Christ and embrace idols at the same time? How has Christ saved you, or is saving you, from that which would otherwise be idols in your life?
3. Read Acts 20:18-24. When we baptize believers on Sunday morning, we ask two questions:
  1. "Who do you trust for the forgiveness of your sins?" (Answer: Jesus!)
  2. "Are you willing to do whatever He says to do and are you willing to follow Him wherever He says to go?"

When you think about that last question, is there anything in your life that would cause you to hesitate in saying "Yes"? If so, what is it and why?