

Sermon Starter – Welcoming New Followers

Acts 16:9-15

Scripture reading:

It's hard for us to understand how incredibly radical God's extension of the good news beyond the people of Israel must have felt in the early church. Ask a newcomer to the faith to read today's scripture.

Sermon notes:

Our concern cannot be for our family alone ("Me and my wife, my son John and his wife, we four and no more"). In spite of our habits or inclinations to the contrary, Jesus welcomes all willing people into his family. Where is our "Macedonia"? Tell some stories of responding to God's leading to lay aside prejudices about who's in and who's out. Who are some new followers you've met? How is God inviting both of you to grow through your relationship with each other?

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