



### **A. The Lord can open your heart v. 11-15**

-The voyage to Philippi--“DIRECT voyage”

-Lydia’s heart opened to pay attention

-Didn’t open her own heart even as a worshiper of God

-God has to open our hearts

1. “Dianoigo”-the ability to thoroughly diagnose an issue
2. We are biased towards deception and shallow diagnosis
3. God opens the heart to fully see to the “bottom” of the issue

-Darkness is thwarted when the Lord “opens” the heart to see the depth and breadth of His truth

### **B. Jesus has the power to destroy the darkness “out there” v. 16-24**

-Jesus can deal with our personal darkness

-He will also conquer the darkness in others

-The evil one has means of making life uncomfortable for Paul

-When you challenge the darkness it might fight back

-God still is in control when we are called to fight the darkness

### **C. Jesus gives us the power to persevere while fighting back the darkness v. 25-40**

-Praying and singing hymns

-The jailer wants to kill himself

-The jailer instead is converted

-Paul is not a nihilist Christian

-Paul offers the jailer the hope of the Gospel

-The mission continues

-Christians are called to the mission where only Jesus can