

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: September 25, 2016
Intro & Philippians 1:1-2

1. Who wrote the book of Philippians? _____
2. What kind of book is Philippians?
 - a. A Gospel.
 - b. An Epistle.
 - c. A prison letter along with Philemon, Colossians, and Ephesians.
3. To whom was the book of Philippians written?
 - a. To the pastors and leaders of the church.
 - b. To God's holy people.
 - c. The church at Philippi.

Read Acts 16:6-40, Acts 20:1-6

4. What sort of town was Philippi (see Acts 16:9)?
 - a. Uh...I don't know.
 - b. It was a town in Macedonia.
 - c. It was a Roman colony
5. How was the church at Philippi established?
 - a. Paul visited Philippi on his second missionary Journey after seeing a vision of a man from Macedonia and went to the Synagogue as he always did when he entered the city.
 - b. There was no Synagogue (because there were few Jews in the city), so Paul went outside the city, by the river, to find a place of prayer.
 - c. Paul demonstrated personal evangelism and won people to Christ who formed a church.
 - d. Perhaps Luke help to establish the church at Philippi for some time (see 16:9-10, 16:40, 20:4-6)
6. Have you ever thought about the possibility of establishing a body of believers the way Paul did? Yes_____ No_____ Why or why not? _____

7. What are the distinctions that can be found in this letter as compared to many of Paul's letters?
 - a. It is one of the most intensely personal letters that is included in the canon (see 1:7-8).
 - b. He does not at any place in this letter refer to himself as an apostle.
 - c. There is not a lot of correction within this letter.
 - d. It assumes a large degree of unity within the church and encourages it to be even more so.