



God is a Sneaky Sneak

Acts 16:9-15 | Session 17.21

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Listen to the FaithElement podcast for this session.

Context

Share this [scene from Aladdin](#) and ask:

- Why do you think the Genie's advice to Aladdin might be helpful?
- What does Aladdin believe he needs to be for Jasmine to like him?
- To whom have you given relationship advice and how did that work out?
- Why might it be a bad idea to pretend to be something you're not?
- At what points do you need to work out interpersonal difficulties on your own, and when do you need someone else's support?

Content

Read Acts 16:9-15, then watch the Bible Background Video and ask:

- Why do you think Paul had this particular vision at this particular time?
- How was Lydia able to get her whole household to go along with being baptized t the same time?
- Why do you think Paul was willing to stay with Lydia for some period of time?
- What does it say about Lydia that she was willing to use her resources to support Paul's mission?
- How do you feel about the idea that the most important part of Lydia's story is that it shows the value of being ready to listen to The Spirit and jump in to do what is needed?

Closure

Share this scene from *Akeelah and the Bee* and ask:

- How does Akeelah change over the course of this scene?
- What role does Dr. Larabee play in Akeelah's growth here?
- In what ways do others serve to support you and help you grow?
- How might being part of a congregation reflect a commitment to mutual growth?
- Which group or groups in your community needs to be encouraged to grow and how might your congregation help that?

Close with a prayer.

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