

## New Friends Are Out There!

*Teamwork Can Change My Life  
(part 1)*

Day after day  
he spoke to everyone  
he met in the market.

Acts 17:17 CEV



### How To Find New Teammates

**You have been my partners** in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. Philippians 1:5 NLT

The job the Master Jesus gave me—**letting everyone I meet know** all about this incredibly extravagant generosity of God. Acts 20:22 Msg

### ❖ Meet People on Purpose

12From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

13On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. **We sat down and began to speak** to the women who had gathered there. 14One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. Acts 16:12-14 NIV

Don't forget to pray for us, that **God will open doors** for telling the mystery of Christ.... Pray that every time I open my mouth I'll be able to make Christ plain as day to them. Colossians 4:2 Msg

### ❖ Develop Deep Character

22The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be **stripped and beaten**. 23After they had been **severely flogged**, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and **fastened their feet in the stocks**.

25About midnight Paul and Silas were **praying and singing hymns to God**, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Acts 16:22-25 NIV

Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. ... **Live an exemplary life** ... so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives. 1 Peter 2:11-12 Msg

### ❖ Befriend People Sincerely

26Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. 27The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28But Paul shouted, **"Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"**

29The jailer called for lights, rushed in and **fell trembling** before Paul and Silas. 30He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." 32Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; **he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God**—he and his whole family. Acts 16:26-40 NIV

I'm here to introduce you to this God

Acts 17:22 Msg