UNSUNG HEROES

Week 1: Lydia

ICE BREAKER:

If you could go back to relive one family holiday or get together, where would you go? Who would be there? Share some details about what made it special.

READ SCRIPTURE:

Acts 16:11-15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Looking at the scripture, discuss what is so interesting about this story. What do you think made Lydia want to have Paul and his companions over to her home?
- 2. What has your experience been in the church? Have you found people to be friendly, open and generous or less than you would think?

Revelation makes mention of a church in Thyatira but we have no record of Paul or anyone else making a missionary journey there. It is not a leap to believe Lydia was largely responsible for bringing the good news of Jesus to her home town.

3. How could hospitality start a church? Where might God be equipping you to make an impact with hospitality?

READ SCRIPTURE:

- 1 Peter 4:8-10
 - 4. How do these three verses work together?
 - 5. Have you thought of yourself as someone who could "administer God's grace in various forms"?
 - 6. Make a plan to throw a party! Maybe as a group, could you consider having new people over socially that they might see the love of Christ in your friendly community.
 - 7. Close in Prayer for one another with a plan to be more hospitable this week!