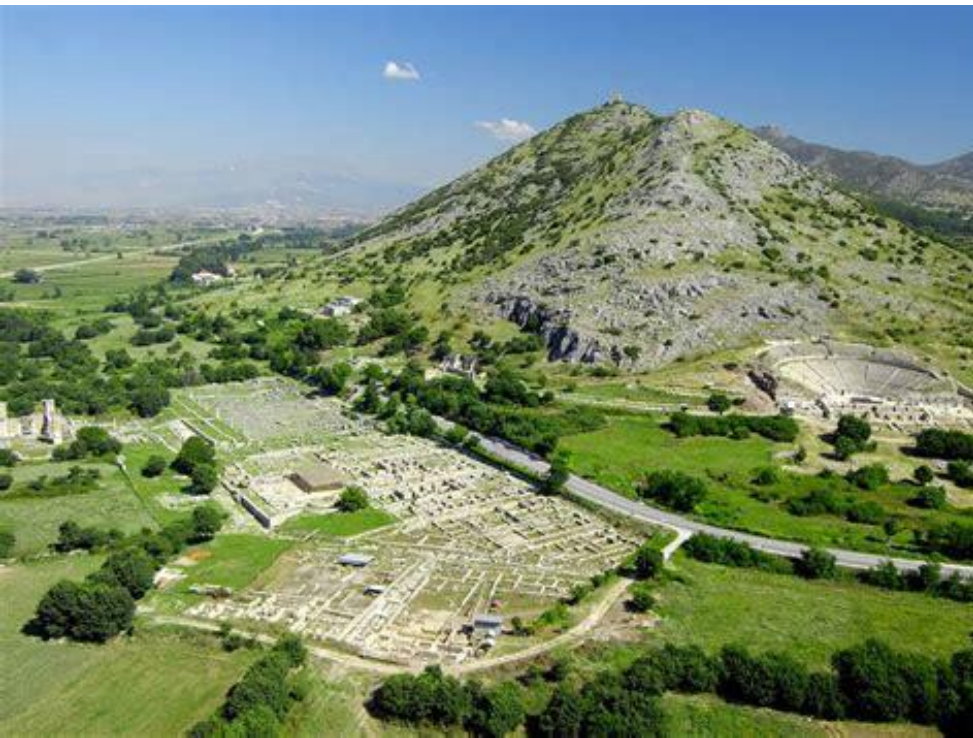


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# Philippi, Greece





# Paul's first new friend in Philippi



# Lydia - a leader & a seeker



- **Situation:** single, a wealthy businesswoman, migrated from Turkey to Greece for work
- **Personality:** assertive and hospitable – a natural leader
- **Spirituality:** worshipped Yahweh, but not Jewish

# Paul – an ambassador with good news



- God has revealed Himself to us fully in Jesus
- God became king on earth through Jesus' death & resurrection
- God can transform us into people who truly love others
- God will renew the world and fill it with people who truly love others.

# Paul's second new friend in Philippi



# **Why did Paul have such deep affection for the Christians in Philippi?**

**Lydia:** a responsive leader who welcomed Paul into her home

**The jailer:** a former enemy who washed Paul's wounds

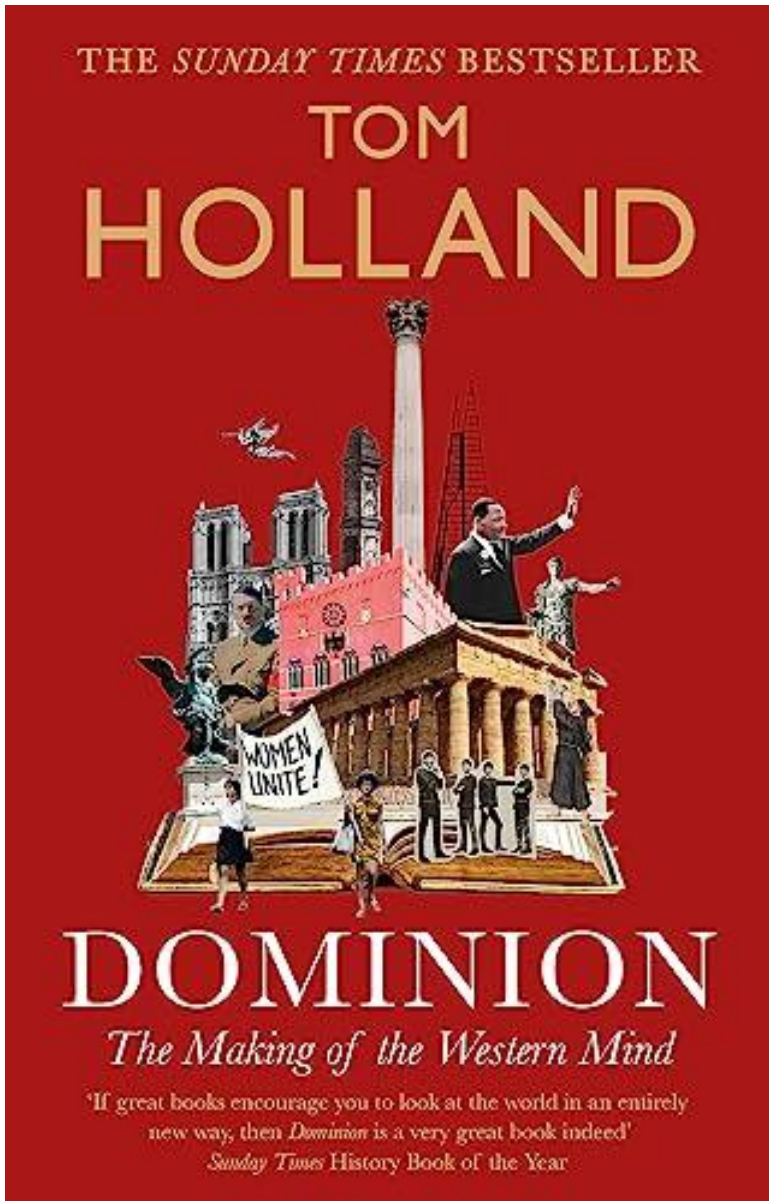
**The church community:** who generously supported Paul's work.



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*'A history of how Christianity has transformed not just the West, but the entire world.'*

*'People who find Jesus/God resurrect and become better persons ... Planting Jesus in **people's hearts** is like planting trees to help **the earth** to survive.'*

## For reflection

1. How did God open your heart to respond to Him?
2. Do we expect God to do extraordinary things through our conversations?
3. Who are our 'enemies', and how might God want to transform our relationships with them?