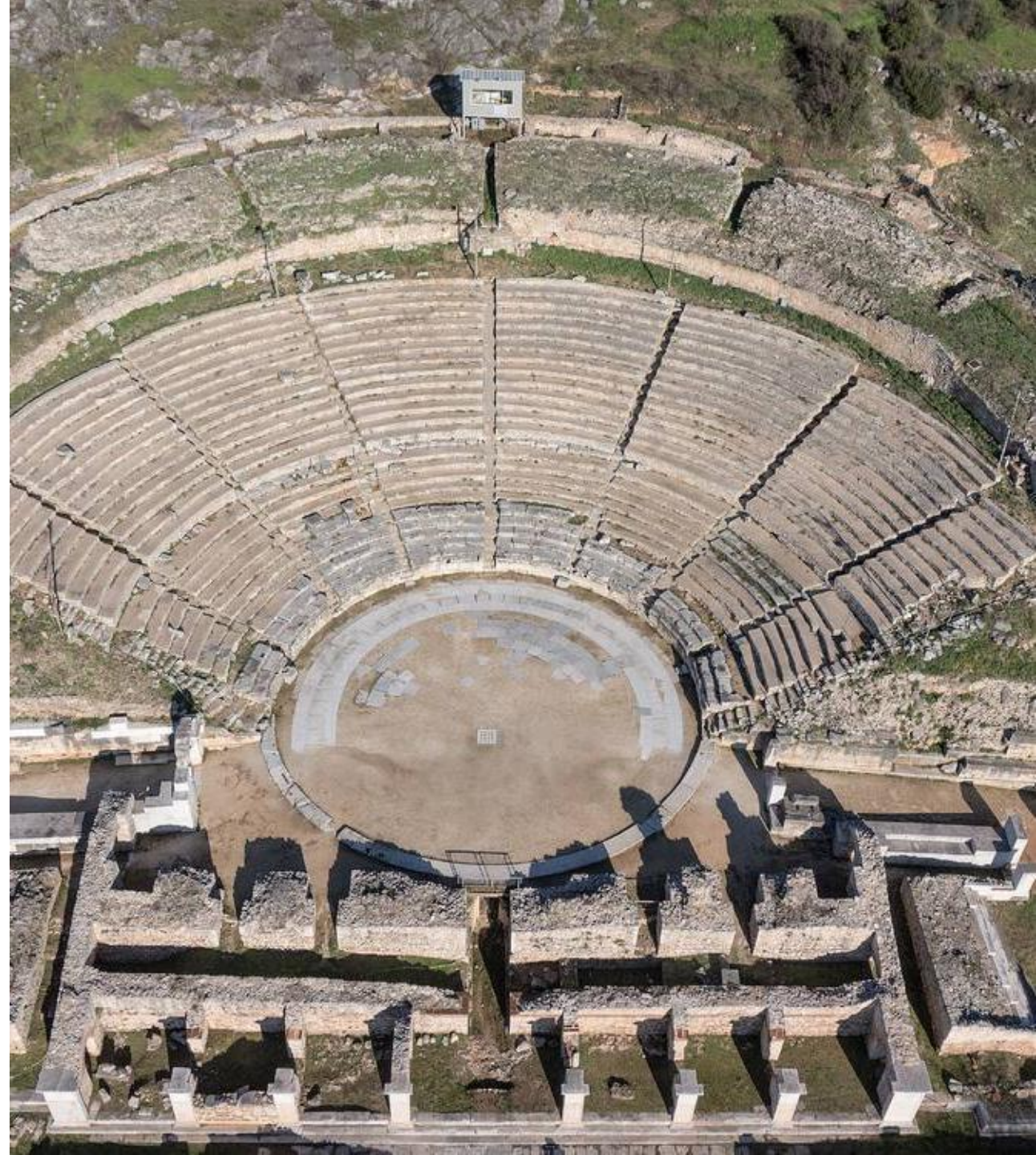


# STUDY SESSION 5

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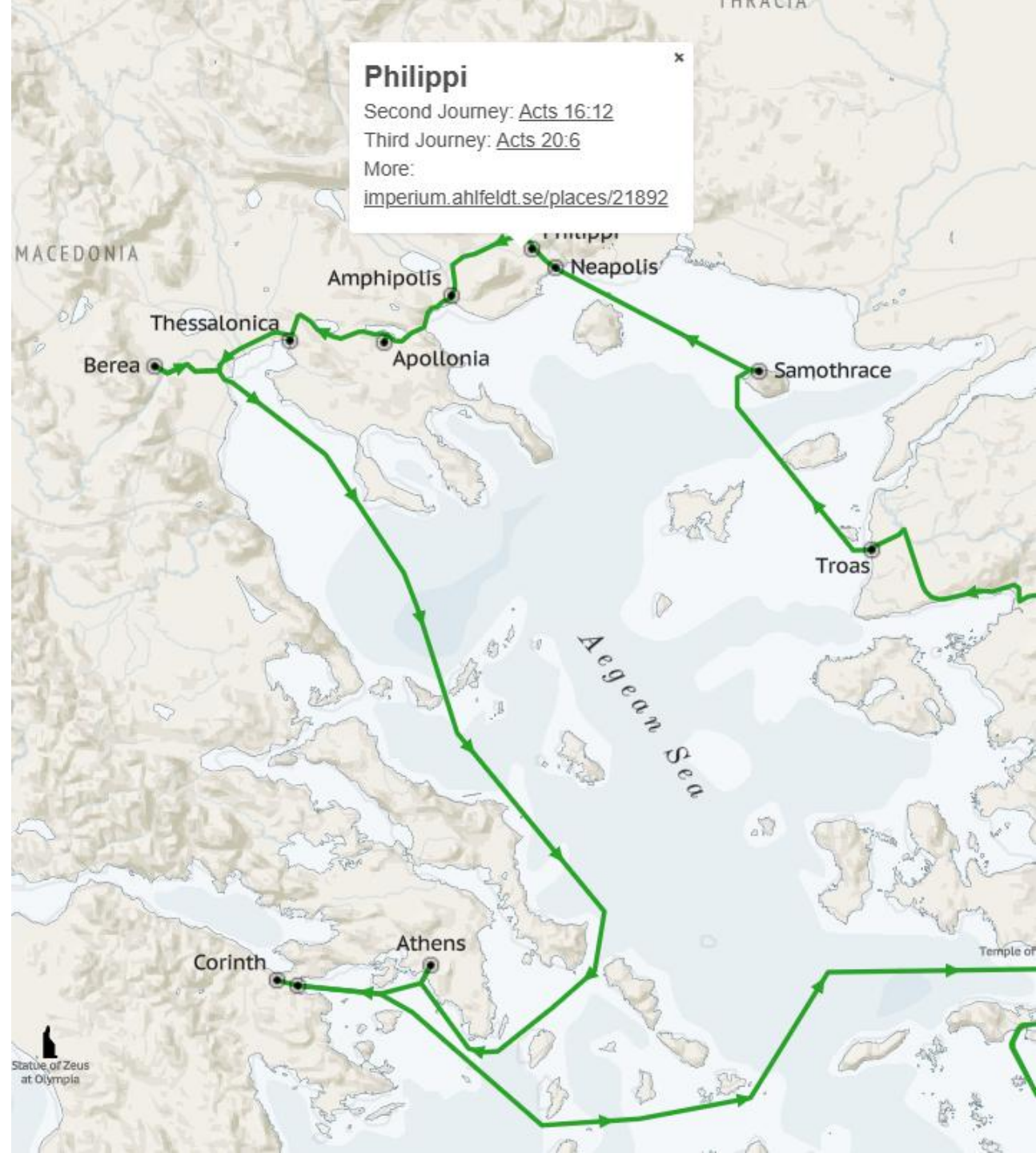
The First Church in Europe





# PAUL'S JOURNEY TO PHILIPPI

- Paul arrives in Philippi on his second missionary journey (Acts 16:11-12).
- Philippi's significance: A Roman colony and major city along the Via Egnatia, the leading trade route linking East and West.
- Strategic location: The first European city where Paul preached the Gospel.



# LYDIA

## The First European Convert



- Lydia, a wealthy merchant of purple cloth, was Paul's first recorded European convert (Acts 16:13-15).
- She was a worshiper of God, likely a Gentile who believed in the Jewish God but had not converted to Judaism.
- After hearing Paul's message, she and her household were baptized.



# PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON

## A Divine Encounter

- Paul and Silas were arrested, beaten, and thrown into prison for casting out a spirit from a slave girl (Acts 16:16-24).
- Despite suffering, they worshiped God in prison, leading to a miraculous earthquake that freed them.
- The jailer, witnessing their faith, asked how he could be saved and was converted along with his household (Acts 16:25-34).



# THE THEMES OF PHILIPPIANS

Joy & Partnership

Paul's letter to the Philippians symbolizes joy, gratitude, and encouragement.

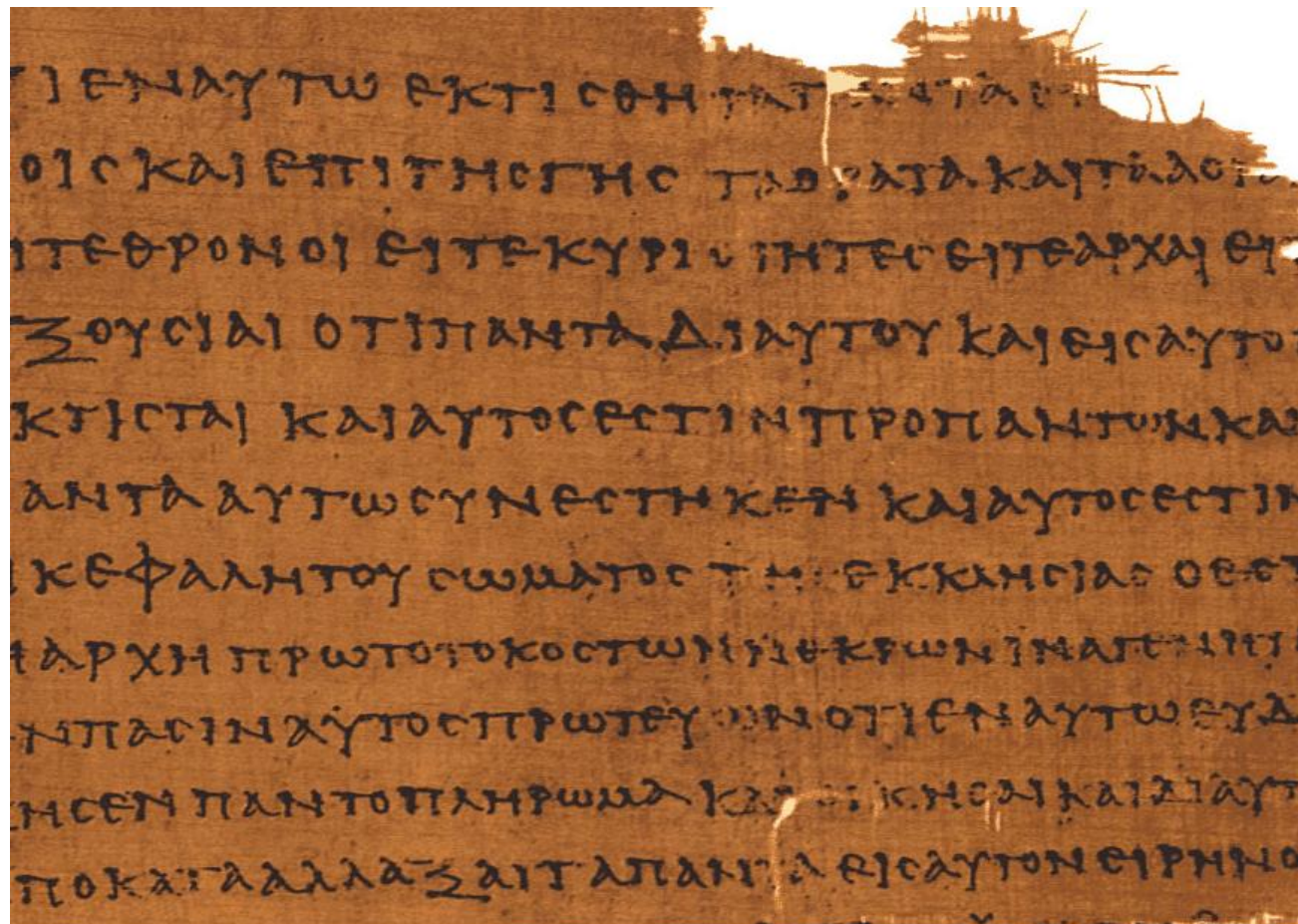
Key themes:

Joy in suffering (Philippians 1:12-14)

Partnership in the Gospel (Philippians 1:3-6)

Unity and humility (Philippians 2:1-11)

Contentment in Christ (Philippians 4:11-13)





# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How did God use Paul's trials in Philippi to advance the Gospel?
- How does Paul's joy in suffering encourage us in our struggles?
- What does partnership in ministry mean for us today?
- How can we practice generosity like the Philippians?



# REFLECTION & APPLICATION



## HOW DO WE EMBRACE JOY IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES?

How can we support and encourage each other in faith?



## KEY TAKEAWAY


Be generous and mission-minded like the Philippians.



# Q & A TIME

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