

The Book of Acts

Acts 15:36 – 16:1-24

Introduction

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Discussion Questions

1. Discuss which one of these three things (all of which our missionaries face in this passage) scares you the most and why: relational conflict, blind trust without any control, or the threat of physical danger.
2. **Read Acts 15:36-41.** Sometimes the worst fights are when both parties are in the right. Discuss both Paul's and Barnabas' side regarding the inclusion of John Mark (who abandoned them early on their first missionary journey into Turkey. Luke could have just told us that two missionary teams went out instead of one. Why include the fight?
3. **Read Acts 16:1-10.** After all that fuss and argument last chapter about circumcision, the first thing Paul does to Timothy before bringing him along is to have him circumcised. How is this case different from what he was arguing for in Jerusalem?
4. It's easy to read this list of places they passed and not understand the scope. They were setting out with faith that the Spirit would show them where to go. The next logical place to go would be West towards Ephesus. God said no. They took a 200-mile journey on foot to the edge of Bithynia. God says no again. They head towards the only route left to them. It's another long journey to Troas, which is in Asia, where they weren't supposed to be. This was a faith-testing event. Talk about how you manage the tension of following God when he seems to only reveal the path one step at a time.
5. **Read Acts 16:11-24.** We get to see beauty in the simplicity of Lydia's conversion. "The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message." Talk about what's happening at your core when you make the decision to follow Jesus. Paul, in going to Philippi, faced off against a dark stronghold. A place where the enemy and his darkness were in charge. Discuss the different threats the enemy of the gospel used to try to crush the message. How do those same threats affect us now?

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