

The Heart of the Matter

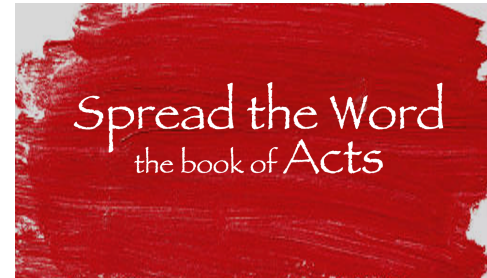
12. How do you handle your disagreements? Are you a peace-faker, peace-breaker, or peace-maker?

13. How did the Lord open your heart to respond to the Gospel? Who did he use as part of the process?

14. Where do you have an “open door” for ministry now: In your home? School? Work? Community?

15. In what ways has the church strengthened your walk with God? How can you be used to strengthen others in their faith?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Strengthening the Church Acts 15:36-16:15 For the Week of July 18, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When was a time when you walked away from a relationship with a person? job? organization? What happened? What was the hardest for you?
3. What is something you strongly believe that God has led or is leading you to do?

Digging Deeper

4. In Acts 15:36-41 what seems to be the main issue that caused Paul and Barnabas to go in different directions? What could have been some factors that contributed to why this became such a “sharp disagreement”?

5. How did this conflict ultimately bring about some really good results? How did things ultimately end up between Paul and Mark? (Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11)

6. Given the decision by the council in Jerusalem in chapter 15 about circumcision not being necessary to be a Christian, why did Paul have Timothy circumcised in Acts 16:3? How could this be justified? (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

7. In 15:41 and 16:5 what was the focus of his ministry as he revisited all the churches that he and Barnabas had previously planted on their first missionary trip? What can we do to be more proactive in strengthening our church?

8. In Acts 16:8 and 10 the pronouns change from “they” to “we.” What does this likely indicate concerning Luke? (Acts 1:3-4)

9. In Acts 16:6-10 how does God make it clear where they shouldn't go with their ministry? How does God make it clear to Paul where they should go?

10. How would you describe Paul's vision in 16:9? In Paul's vision what was he being called to do by the man he saw? What did Paul conclude God wanted him to do?

11. How would you describe Lydia from 16:11-15? What is unique about her career? Her conversion? Her desire to serve?