

ACTS 15:36-16:10

BACKGROUND

In last week's passage, Paul and Barnabas returned to their "sending church" in Antioch upon the completion of their 1st missionary journey (see maps for details). In this week's passage, Paul and Barnabas have spent about 2 years in Antioch and are in the planning stage of their 2nd missionary journey.

PRAY

PLEASE READ ACTS 15:36-16:10

SHARE OBSERVATIONS (Who? What? When? Where? Repeating words, phrases, & themes?)

QUESTIONS

1. In v36-41, why do you think Luke bothered to include this sharp disagreement in his book about the mission of the gospel that's empowered by the Holy Spirit? How does the inclusion of this passage encourage believers today as they're on mission in their neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces?
2. In what ways do you think that adding Timothy to the team aids or slows down the mission of the gospel (v1-5)? What do you think this means for how local churches should approach doing gospel ministry today?
3. In v6-10, what do we learn about God's leading of people who are on mission? What do you think this means for believers today as they're on mission in their neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces?
4. As we observe all the peaks and valleys of being on mission throughout this passage, what can we learn about the outlook and attitude of someone who is on mission in a healthy and sustainable way? What does this mean for your life and mission?
5. How can we pray in response to this passage?

What are some other ways we can be praying for each other?