

## 167. Paul Begins Second Mission Trip (Acts 15:36-16:40)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Your plans are not the same as our plans. Your plan is always to show more people the good news about Jesus. Help us always to see the way You want us to work together to do that. Please give us clear guiding so we will always see Your will and work together in peace. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Acts 15:36-41.

- Why did Paul and Barnabas split up?
- Did their argument mean God's work stopped?
- Their argument and split was wrong. Christians should be able to work together. But God used their argument to spread His word more. How?
- Read 2 Timothy 4:11 to see what Paul thought about Mark later.

Acts 16:1-5.

- Why did Paul want to bring Timothy with him?
- Paul and Silas are traveling to tell all the Christian churches that non-Jews don't have to get circumcised. But Paul circumcised Timothy. Why?

Acts 16:6-10.

- What places did Paul, Silas, and Timothy want to preach?
- Why couldn't they go to those places?

- Where did God call them to go?

Acts 16:11-15.

- Philippi was a very important Roman city. Did many Jews live there?
- How did Lydia become a believer in Jesus?
- How did Lydia show thanks for the good news about Jesus?
- What are good ways for us to show thanks for God saving us?

Acts 16:16-18.

- How could the slave girl predict the future?
- When she followed Paul, what did she shout? Was that true or false?
- Why did the girl's shouting bother Paul so much?

Acts 16:19-24.

- The slave girl was free from the demon. Were her owners happy?
- Who cared more about the girl: Paul and Silas, or the owners?

Acts 16:25-34.

- True or false. Paul and Silas were very depressed because they couldn't preach God's word from prison.
- What were Paul and Silas doing before the earthquake happened?
- Why did Paul and Silas tell the jailer about Jesus after the earthquake, and not before the earthquake?
- What does this story tell us about how we should witness? It should say several things about when and how we witness.
- Why did the guard quickly take Paul and Silas to his house? There are at least two reasons.

Acts 16:35-40.

- The next morning, Paul and Silas were freed. But what did Paul complain about?
- When Paul complained, who did he help: himself, the city leaders, or the new believers?