

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. Tell of a situation where you can see God's guidance now when you look back.

DIGGING DEEPER

2. Read Acts 15:36-41. Why did Paul and Barnabas get into a "sharp disagreement?" What does that say about human relationships?
3. Despite their differences, would either abandon the mission? Why?
4. Why would Barnabas want to take John Mark?
5. Read Colossians 4:10 and 2 Tim 4:11. What happened to Mark and Paul's relationship?
6. Read Acts 16:1-5. The Jerusalem Counsel determined circumcision was unnecessary. Why did Paul circumcise Timothy?
7. What NT principles led Paul to require it for Timothy?

8. Read Acts 16:6-10. What difficulties did Paul and Silas encounter?

LIVING IT OUT

9. What are the obvious and not-so-obvious ways God guides in 15:35-16:10?
10. How do you handle it when God changes your plans?
11. The sermon provided this summation of godly decision-making: Pray and choose what is biblically moral and wise and then trust God to work all the details together for good. Discuss the various parts of it.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"we got ready at once...concluding that God had called us to preach the Gospel to them."

- Acts 16:10 NIV

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