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Background:

Paul and Barnabas, at this point, had a disagreement that resulted in breaking up the team. But God, in His sovereignty, used this as a way to continue to spread the gospel. Paul takes Silas, and heads out on his second missionary journey. Barnabas takes Mark, and heads back to Cyprus.

The church added to their numbers daily. The Holy Spirit was on the move, and both groups set about encouraging the believers, and sharing the gospel.



Read Acts 15:36-40

Have you ever had a disagreement with another believer? How did you resolve the disagreement?

What would be the advantage of the disciples ministering in pairs?

Read Acts 16:1-10

Define the word "disciple." How are you discipling those around you?

What would you hope others learn from you?

Read John 8:31-38, John 13:31-35, and Matthew 28:19-20

How do others know we are Christ followers by the way we love one another?

Have you ever been on a mission trip? If yes, describe your experience. If no, pray about how God might use you in another culture to share the gospel.

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Life Change:

If you have a relationship rift with another person, commit that to prayer, and make arrangements to meet to work through your differing opinions.

Who would you like to partner with in ministry? Ask them to engage with you, and make a plan.

Are there any parts of these Scriptures that you do not understand?



Getting Out There:

At the end of this passage, Paul receives a vision to go to a specific people group and then he immediately acts on that vision. Think about how you can intentionally reach out to a specific group of people. Pray that God would give you a vision and consider supporting one of the partnerships that Bay Life is already involved in. Visit baylife.org/missions for a listing of partnerships; direct any questions or inquiries to missions@baylife.org. (Teams "out there" this week: Uganda 1)

Family Moments:

Elementary: Read Acts 16:6-10

How did the Holy Spirit guide Paul? How does the Holy Spirit work in your life? (John 14:23-27)

Teen: Read Acts 16:9-10

How quickly did Paul respond in obedience to what God asked him to do?

What is something that you know God is wanting you to respond to with immediate obedience that you are not now doing? Pray for each other to obey at once!