

Elmbrook Discussion Questions

Acts 15:36 - 16:40

Introduction

Have you had a conflict with someone that turned out well? What was the first step towards that conflict being resolved?

Head: *What is the passage saying?*

1. Read Acts 15:36-41.
 - a. What motivates Paul and Barnabas? How are these motivations similar / different?
 - b. How would you describe their disagreement?
2. Read Acts 16. What are the different story lines in this passage?
3. How do you observe God working in this passage?
4. Where do you observe faith in God being practiced in this passage? How is this faith expressed?
5. Acts 16:30 includes one of the most important questions asked in the Bible. Why might the jailer have been willing to ask Paul and Silas this question?

Heart: *How does this passage influence my inner being?*

1. What story line from this Bible passage resonates with you? Why?
2. Is there any particular way that God may be leading you to better live by faith?
3. What would it look like today to live a life that is led by the Holy Spirit?

Hands: *How do I practically live this out?*

1. **Share:** Like several examples in our study, be willing and ready to tell other people about Jesus.
2. **Journal:** Write out what you know to be true about God and why you can trust him. Then reflect on how you can further grow in living out your faith in God.
3. **Serve:** Like the examples in our passage, people boldly stepped out for the sake of others. Commit this week to taking the initiative to serve someone this week.
4. **Pray:** Consider taking time this week to learn about people you may come across with different backgrounds or cultures than you, and pray for them to come faith in Jesus. Perhaps even ask God how he might use you.

Digging Deeper Study:

1. **Watch:** Go further into understanding the ministry of Paul. Con Campbell is an excellent scholar, relatable, and helpful guide through a video series: [In Pursuit of Paul](#) on [Rightnow Media](#).
2. **Read:** Pick up a biography: [Paul: A Biography](#) (N.T. Wright), [The Apostle: A Life of Paul](#) (John Pollock)