

PRC Community Groups

Providence Road Church



Sermon Series: Acts: To the Ends of the Earth

Message: Great Purpose and Joy When You Live Knowing God Is in Control

Passage: Acts 15:36-16:10

Date Preached: February 10th, 2013

Going Deeper

1. Why did Paul and Barnabas enter into a “sharp disagreement.?” What does it say about their characters and personalities? What does it say about human relationships?
2. Although Paul and Barnabas separated because of their differences, would either abandon the mission of God? Why or why not? Would their relationship be eventually restored? If so, how do we know?
3. During the Jerusalem Council, it was concluded that works, including circumcision, were not needed for salvation. Why then would Paul circumcise Timothy?
4. What would lead Timothy to agree with the procedure? How important is “self-sacrifice” in order to accomplish the mission of God?
5. Describe how Paul and Silas were guided by the Holy Spirit as they moved from city to city proclaiming the gospel. Were they willing to be led by the Spirit? Why or why not? What are potential consequences in not obeying the Spirit's leading?

Application

1. Do you struggle with making sure you have control of your life's circumstances? How do you feel when things do not go your way? How do you react to God and his calling upon your life?
2. Have you ever had a season where you abandoned the “mission of God”? What brought you back?
3. Have you ever experienced a broken relationship with another Christian? Describe the pain and struggle? Has that relationship been restored? Why or why not? How can the gospel bring healing and restoration?
4. Do you feel you have not sacrificed enough for the gospel? If not, have you identified what keeps getting in the way?
5. How is the “American Dream” a potential hindrance to following God's leading?

6. Is God calling you to something that you fear might be classified as radical or irresponsible before men? If so, share with your group. Let's be the church! Pray with one another, seek one another's counsel and affirmation, and allow yourself to be held accountable as God makes his will known in your life.