

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Acts 15:36 – 16:5
Walking with a Limp

Background

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Digging In

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2. What led to a *sharp disagreement* between Paul and Barnabas?
3. Who do you think was right? Explain.
4. What was the result of their disagreement?
5. Look at a map to trace the route of Paul's second journey.
6. Why would Silas have been a good co-worker? (15:22,32)
7. **Read 16:1-5.** In Lystra Paul recruited Timothy to join his missionary team. What do we learn about Timothy from the following passages? Ac 16:1-2; 1 Cor 4:17; 1 Tim 1:2
8. Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised? Isn't this inconsistent with what he taught in Galatians? Explain.
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Getting Personal

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- With which apostle do you most identify? Why?
- How do you think they might have been able to resolve their differences? Discuss some possible solutions.
- We normally think of Paul as an evangelist. How is his pastoral concern seen in this passage?
- In matters of the gospel, Paul was inflexible. But in matters of cultural accommodation he was more flexible. How can we follow his example today? (See 1 Cor 9:19-23)
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