



## Acts 15:36-16:5

- Barnabas and Paul...
  - Their partnership
  - Their separation
  - The result...
  
- The work of the word...
  - The Council decision
  - The power of the gospel
  - The pattern of Acts...
    - ✓ Acts 1 v8
  
- Introducing Timothy...
  - His potential
  - A potential problem...
  - Problem solved!

## **SOME IMPLICATIONS...**

**1. BE \_\_\_\_\_ !**

✓ Acts 28 v28-31

✓ “TO BE CONTINUED...”

**2. BE \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**3. BE \_\_\_\_\_ !**

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## **FOR STARTERS...**

- How would your friends / family describe you – as generally pessimistic, or generally optimistic?
- How do you feel about the state of the Christian church today – generally pessimistic, or generally optimistic? Why?

## **READ Acts 15:36-41**

1. a) Can anyone give a brief resume of chapter 15:1-35?  
b) What note does that section (v30-35) end on?
2. a) Who does Paul want to visit (v36), and why? [see also v41]  
b) What's the issue with John Mark, exactly? [see 13:13]
3. In these verses, do you find anything particularly...
  - a) surprising?
  - b) distressing?
  - c) encouraging?
  - d) confusing?
4. In the light of 15:1-35, what 'pattern' begins to emerge?

## **READ Acts 16:1-5**

5. a) What 'qualifies' Timothy for ministry with Paul?  
b) What might get in the way of effective ministry?  
c) What do you think of the solution?!  
d) What note does Luke end this section on?  
e) How does this fit with the 'pattern' discussed above?

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**IN PAIRS/THREES,**

**read the NIV headings for these sections, and see if a similar pattern emerges...**

- i) Acts 2:42-4:22      ii) Acts 4:32-5:11      iii) Acts 5:12-6:7      iv) Acts 6:8-8:4  
v) Acts 8:4-40      vi) Acts 9:1-31      vii) Which other examples spring to mind?

**What do you make of these applications: optimism, evangelism,**