

Life Together Group Questions
October 18, 2015
Acts 15:36-41

1. As you read this narrative about the conflict between Paul and Barnabas what is your initial impression?
2. If you were in this situation do you think you would have responded more like Barnabas or Paul?
3. Why do you think that is? What does this say about your temperament or your gifting?
4. What scriptural case can be made for how Barnabas handled John Mark? (Matt. 18:21-22; John 21:15-25; Rom. 12:18; Gal. 6:1-2; Eph. 4:3-6, 32; Col. 3:12-15) Is there value in noticing that the last four passages listed are from Paul himself? What might that tell us about how Paul grew?
5. What scriptural case can be made for how Paul handled John Mark? (Prov. 25:19; Luke 16:10; 1 Tim. 3:1-7ff; 2 Tim. 2:2)
6. Have you ever been in a situation where you needed to choose between what was best for an individual or best for the church, a ministry, group or organization? How did you decide what to do?
7. What if Paul & Barnabas had heeded James 1:19-20? Do you think it would have changed how they departed from each other?
8. What can you take away from this passage in dealing with conflict in the church? In life?
9. Have you ever been John Mark who failed, needing to be restored, or had to come along side a John Mark?
10. How does this passage give you confidence in God's sovereignty and how Jesus is building His Church?
11. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
12. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
13. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
14. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?
15. **SERMON OUTLINE:**
 - Paul & Barnabas Agree On What Is To Be Done (vs. 36)
 - Paul & Barnabas Disagree On Who To Take With Them (vss. 37-39)
 - God Used Their Gifting And Temperament To Do His Work (vss. 40-41)