

**Life Together Group Questions**  
**October 25, 2015**  
**Acts 16:1-5**

1. Lystra was the city where Paul had been stoned. (14:8,19) What do you think Paul was feeling and thinking as he returned? (vs. 1)
2. What did Timothy have going for him? (vs. 2) Believers from two cities spoke well of Timothy. What do you think they saw in him?
3. If Timothy's family background was something he was given a bad time about what comfort might he have found in being a follower of Christ? (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 3:28-29) Is there something from your background from which Christ has set you free?
4. Do you find any irony in Paul's choice to reject John Mark (15:37-38) but now wanting to take Timothy out on the ministry road? What was the difference? What criteria might you have for those you would invest your life in?
5. What do you make of Paul circumcising Timothy? (vs.3) How do you reconcile these verses that seem to be in conflict with Paul's actions? (Rom. 3:29-30; Gal. 5:2-6; 6:15; Col. 2:11)
6. Paul circumcised Timothy because of the Jews in the area who knew Tim's father was a Greek. What was the operating principle for Paul? (1 Cor. 9:19-23)
7. Have you ever given up a freedom you have in Christ for the sake of the gospel or the Kingdom of God?
8. Do you think Paul would have taken Timothy if he refused to be circumcised? Why or why not?
9. Have you ever had someone come along side of you and walk with you in your journey of faith in following Jesus? What did they do with you or for you that helped you grow?
10. Did they ever take you out and have you do ministry with them? If so, how was that helpful?
11. Who is in your life that God is calling you to invest in for a season or more?
12. What kind of input or training was poured into you that you would like to pour into another?
13. What non-traditional gifts (not bible study, prayer, etc.) do you have that could be taught and used for the Gospel and Christ's kingdom?
14. How does this passage help you take another step in Pursuing Jesus?
15. How does this passage help equip you to serve Christ and His body?
16. How does this passage help you share Christ with others that need to know Him?
17. What is a question that was not asked about this passage that you would like to ask?

**SERMON OUTLINE:**

- Timothy Is Commended (vss.1-2)
- Timothy Is Called (vs.3)
- Timothy Is Included (vs.4-5)