



A New Companion & Course | Week of January 9-15, 2022

Welcome (5-10 minutes):

Take some time to get to know one another and hear how each other's week has been going. Use the "F.O.R.D." method if needed (ask about each other's **F**amily, **O**ccupation, **R**ecreation Activities, or **D**reams and Goals).

Ice-Breaker Questions (5-10 minutes):

If your life could have a soundtrack, what band or song would you want playing in the background?

Opening Questions (5-10 minutes):

At the end of Acts 15, we saw how the Apostle Paul parted ways with his missionary companion, Barnabas, after a pretty heated disagreement. Later, in Acts 16, Paul takes Silas and goes back to encourage the churches he had previously planted. **How did Paul keep his falling out with Barnabas from hindering his ability to accomplish God's will in his life? How does the enemy use a situations in our lives to distract us, cause us to shut down, or try to keep us from God's purpose?**

Read This Week's Passage

Acts 16:1-10



Truth 1:

In Acts 16:1-5 we saw how the Apostle Paul came in contact with a young man named Timothy. In a sense, Timothy would become like a son to Paul. In addition, he would replace John Mark who had previously deserted Paul on a missionary journey.

We all have had broken relationships. Why is it important to be patient and have God bring the right people into our lives? What are ways that we might go about seeking relationships/friendships in the wrong ways or in the wrong places?

Truth 2:

In Acts 16:6-10 we saw that God didn't allow the Apostle Paul to minister in certain regions. Sharing the gospel is good thing. Yet, God stopped Paul's ministry in Asia because he wanted him to travel into the regions of Macedonia and Greece.

How can doing a good thing still not be God's best for our lives? Have you ever gotten frustrated with God because you felt like He kept halting your plans? How do we continue walking by faith when this happens?

Truth 3:

This past Sunday Pastor Dan read the following quote by Kenneth Gangel, "We must trust the leading of God's Spirit day by day in living our lives, raising our children, making decisions for a business or ministry. In every arena of life we must serve him with a constant alertness to the Holy Spirit's leading."

God's plans might be different than our own. When God halts our plans, what might be some things that God's sees that we don't see? Do you even fight with God because you want your plans rather than His? Has there been a time when you finally surrendered to God's will, and He worked in an amazing way on your behalf?