

PREACHING CURRICULUM



WE WON'T ALWAYS AGREE
ACTS 15:36-16:5

"Disagreements-even sharp ones-have served to advance the Gospel."

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

According to the text, how did the personality disagreements between Paul and Barnabas serve to advance the Gospel message? _____

Understanding that not all disagreements are justified, why is this disagreement an example of a justified disagreement? _____

Of the 4 takeaways mentioned near the end of the sermon, what are at least 2 that stood out to you and why? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What are some disagreements that you have experienced in the church that have served to advance the Gospel message? If none come to mind, what are some that have not been justified and have brought harm to you? _____

Paul and Barnabas are great examples of how different personalities can serve the church in unique ways. Of the two types, which one would you say you are most like? (Paul-teacher/preacher or Barnabas-shepherd/caretaker) Or neither. Why? _____

How do you go about differentiating between matters of opinion and biblical truth? Has there ever been a time when you confused the two? What was the result? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What are some key traits of thoughtful leaders like those we read about? What do those traits teach us about how we are to be in order to advance the Gospel? _____

How willing do you think you would be to do something extreme (like Timothy) for the sake of the Gospel message? What are some good ways to eliminate or minimize distractions/obstacles in order to reach the lost today? _____

How do disagreements or division serve to maintain unity within the church today? When is division a good thing? When is it not? Why? _____

4

COMMIT THIS WEEK

What is one selfless act that you can do this week to bless your church family or community? Be realistic and keep it attainable or it won't happen. _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

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