

The Spirit Directs Gospel Work

Acts 15:36–16:10

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- by gathering our community – 15:36–40

- by empowering us to deny ourselves – 15:41–16:5

- by guiding us according to His wisdom – 16:6–10

REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Monday: Read Acts 15:36. Name a local body or believer, outside your geographical area, that you've influenced for Christ. "Visit" them this week (in-person, phone, or video) and see how they are—particularly spiritually!

Tuesday: Read Acts 15:37–41. How might God have used this disagreement for good? How do we disagree in a way that preserves unity in the Body of Christ and our corporate gospel witness? How are you doing in this area?

Wednesday: Read Acts 16:1–5. When Paul met for the first time with the leaders in Jerusalem on the matter of circumcision, Titus—a Greek—was not compelled to be circumcised (Gal. 2:3). Now Paul circumcises Timothy, though it is not necessary for salvation. How do both situations show gospel sensitivity in not putting stumbling blocks between people and Christ?

Thursday: Read Acts 16:6–7. Do you have a gospel desire that the Holy Spirit is denying? Pray that you will obey His voice and trust His plan for your life and ministry.

Friday: Read Acts 16:8–10. When the Holy Spirit speaks to us, or shows us something, what authority and standard will the message always be in agreement with? How should this inform how we talk about ways we have heard from the Spirit?

Saturday: Read Acts 16:11–16:40 and pray for our time together as a family!