

# Acts

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## Acts 15:36-41

Conflict is something we all must deal with. Unfortunately, we don't always handle it well when it arises. This week we will look at a conflict that existed between two church leaders and discuss how we can resolve conflicts in our lives.

This week we will see: **How to Resolve Conflict and Restore Relationships**

## GETTING STARTED

What is something you know is completely petty but you're ready to defend it if the need arises?

*Maybe it's the greatness of your sports team even though they rarely win, your loyalty to a car brand, or why you like Almond Joys.*

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **Acts 15:36-41**

- What stands out to you about today's passage?
- Why did Paul want to go visit the communities that are mentioned in today's text?
- Why didn't Paul want to take John-Mark with them?
- What ended up as the result?
- Read Galatians 2:1 & 2 Timothy 4:11. After reading those verses what is your understanding of Barnabas's and Paul's relationship after the conflict in Acts 15?

## GETTING PRACTICAL

- 1) Conflict is something all of us must address. It even exists in the church. Should the church be void of conflicts? How should we address conflicts of theology, personalities, or methods?
- 2) What role has conflict played in your life? Do you think you are good at resolving conflict?
- 3) In this week's message Chad referred to the 5 different Characteristics of Mismanaging Conflict. Which one of these characteristics do you relate to?
  - Avoider
  - Convincer
  - Replacer
  - Apologizer
  - Excuser
- 4) Read Matthew 5:9. Being a peacemaker reflects the character of Jesus and those who follow His way of living. How can being a peacemaker help us resolve conflict and restore relationships?
- 5) Are there any relationships that you need to restore or a conflict in your life that needs to be resolved? What are some steps you plan on taking?