

The Cost of Being Missional (Acts 15:36-16:5)
Unstoppable: A Study of Acts 9-19
Discussion Questions

- **How would you define “missional”?**
 - What do missional churches look like? How would you contrast a missional church with non-missional church?
 - What do missional believers look like?
 - Why does CCCC say that one of a Christian’s gospel identities is a missionary? How so?

- **Read Acts 15:36-41.**
 - What was the controversy in this passage?
 - What was the result of this controversy? Why do you think it turned out this way? How did it concern the mission? Does this tell us anything about how Paul and Barnabas were real people with real feelings and yet still committed followers of Jesus?

- **Read Acts 16:1-5.**
 - Why would Paul want to add Timothy to his church planting team?
 - What is unique about Timothy’s situation with his parents?
 - What barrier does Paul see with Timothy’s situation? What does he have Timothy do? Why was it such an important step?

- **Yancey said that missionaries remove barriers but religious people protect their preferences. List some preferences that Christians want to protect as it concerns their local church**
 - What are barriers the unchurched have about Christians and even church services?
 - What are some ways that CCCC has tried to remove barriers between the gospel and the unchurched?
 - Are there any times where you felt inconvenienced by those decisions? How did you work through that inconvenience? What are the possible outcomes for other who feel similarly?
 - What is the mission of CCCC? How does having an eye toward the unchurched help tutor how CCCC does what it does?

- **What does Jesus say about following him and convenience in Mt. 16:24?**
 - How does living in a consumer culture affect us as followers of Jesus?
 - How can losing some of our preferences be the cost of doing the mission?
 - How can we work through the loss or pain of that cost?