

The Foundation of the Church: “Built on the Lordship of Jesus”

Acts 15:36-16:40

October 19, 2025

- I. The Lord gives new partners (15:36-16:5)

- II. The Lord gives new direction (16:6-10)

- III. The Lord opens hearts (16:11-15)

- IV. The Lord casts out demons (16:16-24)

- V. The Lord opens doors (16:25-34)

- VI. The Lord gives a new citizenship and a new family (16:35-40)

LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. What do we learn about partnership in ministry from Acts 15:36-16:5?
2. This story shows us that missions involves both strengthening existing churches (15:36, 41, 16:5) and getting the gospel to new places (16:6-10). How are those purposes related?
3. Read Acts 16:14. What did God do for Lydia? How does this encourage us in our evangelism?
4. The missionaries sent shockwaves through the marketplace. What ways might our Christian testimony shock our community?
5. What do we learn about the Christian life from Paul and Silas in jail (16:25-40)? What do we learn from the jailer?