

Lesson 12: Co-Laborers Make a Difference

Acts 15:40-16:34

Making a Difference

1. (15:40) Paul chose Silas to serve as his co-laborer. Why do you think some people struggle with serving in a supporting role?
2. (16:1-2) Verse 2 says that Timothy's good testimony was "well reported of by the brethren." Why was a good testimony among fellow believers important for Timothy's future ministry?
 - *How can our poor testimony hurt our ministry for the Lord?*
3. Silas was a silent follower, Timothy was a growing convert, and Luke was a Greek physician. They each had unique gifts. How can a diversity of gifts strengthen a church?
4. How does Luke's example of serving in ministry encourage believers who may not be preachers or teachers?
5. (16:6-7) How do you think Paul felt after receiving multiple "No" answers from the Lord?
 - *Why is waiting often one of the hardest aspects of following God's leadership?*
6. Looking back, can you see a situation where God's "No" turned out to be a blessing in your life?
7. What can help us trust God when God's timing differs from ours?
8. How did this lesson speak to you and what action step will it lead you to take? (*"Because of what I learned, I will..."*)
9. Share one thing God spoke to you about during your daily devotional time this past week.

GROUP PRAYER TIME (Take any prayer requests)

- Pray for the prayer requests given.
- Whatever the Lord spoke to you about in this lesson, turn that into a prayer back to God. Is there something you need to **correct**, **confess**, or **continue** doing...tell Him about it.