

Greenforest Community Baptist Church
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Teaching on Tuesday w/ Pastor Emory Berry, Jr. (5/10/20)

Topic/Subject: **LISTEN TO GOD** - Text/Scripture: **ACTS 15:36-41 & ACTS 16:1-12**

I. HAVE YOU EVER?

1. Have you encouraged at least one person to get to know Christ better this year?
2. Do you believe it is the responsibility of Christians to tell others about Jesus?
3. Has God ever sent someone into your life to help you carry out an assignment?
4. Do other people compliment you on your Christian walk or lifestyle?
5. Do you find yourself noticing Godly characteristics in other people?
6. How often do check on new believers whom you have not seen or heard from in a while?
7. Have you ever had a strong disagreement with someone?
8. Have you ever had to cool off after being disappointed by someone?
9. How difficult is it for you to stay focused when you are upset?
10. Has God ever stopped you from doing something you really wanted to do?
11. Has God ever spoke to you in a dream or vision?
12. Is the Holy Spirit leading you to partner with others to help them fulfill their purpose?

II. What should we know about the book of ACTS?

1. It is a **CONTINUATION** of the Gospel of Luke.
2. It **CONCENTRATES** on the Acts of the Holy Spirit.
3. It **CHRONICLES** the birth of the Christian Church.

III. What should we know about the author LUKE?

1. He is a **PHYSICIAN** turned Gospel writer.
2. He **POINTS** out more details than the other Gospel writers.
3. He **PORTRAYS** vividly Jesus' ministry to the marginalized.

IV. What should we know about SAUL?

1. Saul was a **BYSTANDER** in the stoning of Stephen - Acts 7:58
2. Saul **BRUTALLY** put believers in prison - Acts 8:3
3. Saul **BULLIED** believers with murderous threats – Acts 9:1
4. Saul **BELIEVED** persecuting Christians was right – Acts 9:2

V. What should we know about BARNABAS?

1. He **ENCOURAGED** Paul amidst opposition – Acts 9:27
2. He **ENHANCED** Paul's ministry – Acts 11:26
3. He **EQUIPPED** Paul by serving as his background supporter – Acts 11:26

VI. What can learn from Paul & Barnabas in Acts 15:36-41?

Pt. 1 – They **DECLARED the Word of God to a lot of people (v.36)**

“Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.”

Pt. 2 – They **DECIDED to go back and check on new believers/converts (v.36)**

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Pt. 3 – They **DISAGREED about taking John Mark on their next trip (v.37-39)**

“Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus...”

Pt. 4 – They determined that it was best to separate and go **DIFFERENT ways (v.39)**

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Pt. 5 – They **DEDICATED themselves to telling others about Jesus (v.40-41)**

“...but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.”

VII. What can we learn from Paul & Timothy in Acts 16:1-12?

Pt. 1 - God **SENT Paul a new helper named Timothy (v.1)**

“Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek.”

Pt. 2 – People spoke well and **SAID nice things about Timothy (v.2)**

“The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.”

Pt. 3 - Paul **SENSED some good qualities in Timothy and decided to mentor him (v.3)**

“Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.”

Pt. 4 – Local churches became **STRONGER spiritually and grew numerically (v.4-5)**

“As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.”

Pt. 5 – The Holy Spirit **STOPPED Paul from going to Asia (v.6-8)**

“Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.”

Pt. 6 - Paul **SAW a man in a vision giving him directions (v.9-10)**

“During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”