

Oct 2, 2022 Life of Paul: Living Out a Spirit-led Mission

Memory Verse: Romans 8:14 (NASB)
"For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

Opener: Share with your group a time when you felt the Spirit leading you. What did you do?

- 1. In Acts 15:36-41 We are with Paul, Mark and Barnabas. We learned that Paul was an all or nothing guy. Mark was different and Paul could not let go of how he abandoned them when they needed him. He couldn't let go of the action, but Barnabas couldn't let go of Mark. Do you have people in your life who can't get past what you did? Are you holding on to something that was done to you? Which of these three guys do you relate to the most and why?
- 2. As the story goes on, we see that God uses the bad Mark and Paul did for good. Romans 8:28. Sometimes what seems like a setback is a big leap forward. Share about a time God took a setback and turned it around for good.
- 3. Paul knew the secret of being led by the Spirit. We can read about him and see that he lived his life this way. People who live by the Spirit do not live the same lives as people who are led by the flesh. We know God's ways are different. We learn to lean on Him and His leading. Would you consider yourself someone who lives by the Spirit? If not, what are some things you can start doing this week to change that? If you are, how are some ways you can model this to the people around you?

Action step: pray intentionally for the Spirit to speak to you about your next step of faith. Is it to reach out to the person who's actions you can't forget? Is it to forgive yourself of the past and walk in new freedom? Is it sharing what Jesus has done in your life with a friend? Is it signing up for a "GO" trip?