

Come On Bruh Bible Study 6: Separate So the Ministry Continues to Operate –

Acts 15:36-41

Getting Things Started

- According to Colossians 4:10, John Mark is the cousin of Barnabas who, according to Acts 13:5, been working as Paul & Barnabas' assistant when they went on their first Missionary journey.
 - Silas is one of two men that the apostles and elders in Jerusalem sent to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas along with a letter confirming that Gentile converts didn't need to be circumcised (Acts 15: 22)
 - According to Acts 9:27, Barnabas is the person who takes Saul/Paul to the Apostles in Jerusalem and then vouches for him so that he will be accepted. Once Saul/Paul returns to Tarsus, he's also the person who brings Saul/Paul to Antioch.
 - Saul/Paul is the person who held the coats of the people who stoned Stephen, arrested believers, was converted on a road and became a missionary to the Gentiles.
- 1) Why do you think some people in a faith community are more comfortable giving people a second chance than other people?

Into the Text

- 2) Based on what you know about Barnabas, why do you believe he insisted that John Mark be allowed to travel with him and Paul when they revisited the communities from their first Missionary journey?

- 3) Based on what you know about Paul, why do you believe he insisted that John Mark not accompany him and Barnabas when they revisited the communities from their first Missionary journey?

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- 4) Throughout the book of Acts, God uses incidents that could've damaged the Gospel witness to expand the Gospel witness. Do you believe this is one of those incidents? Why or why not?

Bringing Things Current:

- 5) How is the separation of Paul and Barnabas similar to the way that the founders of the A.M.E. Church separated from the Methodist Episcopal Church? How is it different?

Similar....	Different....

- 6) Today's lesson reminds us that it's possible to end a partnering ministry well. Based on what you've learned today, what do you believe modern Christians need to do to ensure that ministry partnership end in a way that allows ministry to continue?
