

## **Unfinished – Week 4**

### **Decision Making**

Small Groups – Bethany Church Long Beach

#### **Intro:**

What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

#### **Read Acts 15:36-16:10**

1. What “break-up” was hardest for you? What happened? Why?
2. Role play how you think Paul and Barnabas agreed to split up. With which one would you have sided? Why?
3. Are you more “person-oriented” or “task-oriented”? What are the strengths and weaknesses of your type?
4. Why do you think Paul invited Timothy to join them? What was Timothy’s background and how had he been nurtured in the Christian faith (also see 2 Timothy 3:14-15)?
5. Given the decision to reject the teachings of those in 15:1, why did Paul turn around and circumcise Timothy? How could this be justified? See 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.
6. Describe a time when you have given up some personal rights in order to better represent Christ to others.
7. What do you learn from Paul’s actions, and his belief in 15:1-2, about balancing truth and love?
8. When has God closed a door in your life? What happened? How did you feel then? Now?
9. Where do you see an open door now? What is it? What are your plans for this opportunity?
10. Based on the passage, what implications are there for us in terms of missions?

#### **Pray together as a group**