

DISAGREEMENTS AND DIFFERENCES IN THE MIDST OF GROWTH

Acts 15.36-16.5

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Introduction

Episode 2: Personal disagreement between Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15.36-41)

- cf. Col 4.10
- John Mark deserted them (Acts 15.38; cf. 13.13)

- Compliments: 1 Cor 9.6; Phm 24; 2 Tim 4.11

Episode 3: Cultural differences relating to Timothy & Titus (Acts 16.1-5)

- Paul & Timothy ... 1 Cor 4.17; 1 Tim 1.2; 2 Tim 1.5
- Titus: Gal 2.3-5

- 1 Cor 7.17-24; Gal 5.2
- cf. 1 Cor 9.19-23

Conclusion

In essentials, there should be clarity and unity. In non-essentials, there should be charity and diversity. In all things, faith, hope and love!

Reflection

1. What are the potential disagreements and personal differences that may hinder the work of God or undermine the unity of our church, ministry, CARE Group etc?
2. How should we approach these issues? What attitudes do we need?