

A MISSION OF STRENGTH

Acts 15:36-41 // March 13, 2022 AM

I. Christian mission *pursues strong discipleship* (v. 36).

II. Christian mission pursues strong discipleship *through strong leadership* (vv. 37-39a).

III. Christian mission pursues strong discipleship through strong leadership *in strong partnership* (vv. 39b-41).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is the difference between a convert and a disciple? Which is the goal of Christian missions?
2. Why does Paul want to return to the churches him and Barnabas planted on their first missionary journey?
3. Why do Paul and Barnabas end up parting ways? What encouragements can we draw from this sharp disagreement between these men of God?
4. Why is it important for church planters and missionaries to be in partnership with local churches?
5. How does the broader context help us to understand what Luke means when he tells us that the church commended Paul and Silas to the grace of God?
6. Who alone can make strong disciples, strong leaders, and strong churches? What kind of strength is Luke talking about?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I growing in strength as a disciple of Christ? Do I pray for my spiritual leaders to grow in strength?
2. What encouragement can I draw from this text in light of the disagreements I might have with other brothers and sisters in Christ?
3. Do I regularly pray for the work of home and foreign missions, lifting up the church planters and missionaries in partnership with my church?