

Mentorship: Investing In People

Acts 15:36-16:5 | Apr 19, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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1. Wild Game Feast; April 24
2. Singles Group Movie Night; April 25
3. How to Speak to your Relatives; April 26
4. Stanton Healthcare Bottle Drive; Starts April 26
5. Senior Saints Potluck; May 3
6. Class: The Art of Marriage; May 5
7. Mother's Day Tea; May 9

INTRODUCTION:

Read our passage.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **Sacrifice for Relationship:** In Acts 16:3, Paul, a staunch defender against forced circumcision, took Timothy and circumcised him "because of the Jews who were in those places." Paul also describes his ministry as becoming "all things to all people, that by all means I might save some." What principles about humility and strategic sacrifice does Paul's action teach us regarding what a mentor should be willing to set aside to build a relationship and empower a mentee for ministry?

2. **Endorsement and Empowerment:** Paul provided Timothy with public "Endorsement," noting that Timothy "stands out from the rest" (Phil. 2:19-24) and sending him to represent Paul to the churches (I Cor. 4:17). How does a mentor's public trust and active "Empowering" of a mentee—giving them real work and responsibility—contribute to their growth as a leader?
3. **The Power of Spiritual Heritage:** In giving "Substantive and Authentic Encouragement," Paul reminded Timothy of the sincere faith that lived first in his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice, urging him to "fan into flame the gift of God." How important is it for mentors to connect mentees to their spiritual past and family heritage as a source of confidence and a reminder of God's call?
4. **Defining the Relationship:** Paul's references to Timothy progressed from co-traveler and co-worker to calling him his "son" and "child." What is the difference between a professional partnership and a true mentorship/discipleship relationship, and what kind of "Time" and commitment is required to deepen the relationship into a spiritual "father/son" bond?

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Prayer Focus: Pray for ongoing outreach and missions, people in our body, and for our leaders.

Personal Practical Application: What was the most significant truth God showed you this week? How can you apply that to your life today?