

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of August 30-31, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

## God In the Tension

(Acts 15:32-41)

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## Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Acts 15:32-41.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Nate's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Within this text, Pastor Nate points out how God is very much at work within our broken relationships. He explores this through the lives of Paul and Barnabas.

Pastor Nate highlights three ways God is at work within Paul and Barnabas' conflict.

First, God is preparing what we need before we need it. (Acts 15:32)

Within this text, we see God placing the right people in the right places amidst Paul's and Barnabas' personal struggle.

With hindsight (or maybe in the moment), when have you been able to see that God was/is still very much at work during a relational challenge in your own life?

Second, God is working even when we can not walk together. (Acts 15:38)

Though parting over disagreement is not our hope, when, if ever, have you seen positive come out of parting ways with someone you came to an impasse with?

How healthy was this parting?

If you encounter a similar relational challenge in the future, what have you learned from past experience that might change how you handle things in the future?

Third, God is turning endings into new beginnings. (15:39-41)

When has an ending you did not want or plan for turn into a beneficial new beginning?

Later in Paul's ministry, we hear Paul describe John Mark (the person at the heart of Paul and Barnabas' disagreement) referred to as useful to him. (2 Tim. 4:11)

When have you experienced reconciliation with someone that was unexpected? How did this reconciliation come about?

If you currently find yourself in a difficult place with someone in your life, how could you move forward in a healthy way?

If you find yourself at a deadlock with someone where both parties recognize they are doing their best but simply cannot land on the same page, what can healthy separation look like?

If you currently find yourself in relational tension and the other person is content to move on while you still long to come to a resolution, what are the next best steps for you?

How trusting are you of God in this moment that He is at work amidst this current struggle? And, if needed, what could it look like to trust Him more?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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