

CHARGE Youth Discussion Questions Outline

GRADE
7-12

Date & Week

August 31, 2025 (Wk 6)

Bible Focus

Acts 15:36-41

Theme Focus

Transformed by Imperfect

Discussion Questions

Main Point: Even though Jesus had changed their hearts the first Christians sometimes still argued and made mistakes. But they kept sharing God's love, showing that God can use imperfect people in his big story.

Warm-up questions

1. What do you think the top 5 things are that families disagree about?
2. Have you ever had a disagreement with someone? What is your approach to managing conflict? (i.e., are you someone who prefers to avoid it; leans towards disagreements; tried to compromise; etc).

Read Acts 15:36-41

3. What plans were Paul and Barnabas making (vs36-38)?
4. Revisiting places so they could encourage the believers seemed a good idea to both Paul and Barnabas - so what was the problem?
5. What different information helped Paul and Barnabas form different opinions? (*Hint: think about the relationship between John Mark and Barnabas and the outcome of John Mark's previous performance on a mission trip*).
6. What solution did they reach (v39-40)? Who did they decide to take with them on their journeys?



7. How did God use this sharp disagreement for good?

8. Other parts of the New Testament tell us that Paul and Barnabas remained friends (1 Corinthians 9:6) and that Paul came to think highly of John Mark (Colossians 4:10 and Philemon v 23-24. Read these passages together to see how God can transform hearts.

Application

9. Like Paul and Barnabas, we are being changed by Jesus. We're not perfect - but God will still use us. Talk about how we can ask God to help us to share the Good News on each of our frontlines and how we might each approach this in different ways.

10. What things might we do if we find ourselves arguing with our good friends?

Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for our friends and family. Help us to be loving and understanding, especially when we think differently to others. Like Paul and Barnabas, help us fix our eyes on the big mission to make, mature, and multiply disciples for Jesus Christ. May we have humble and forgiving hearts, encouraging words, and thoughtful actions. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Acts 15:39a