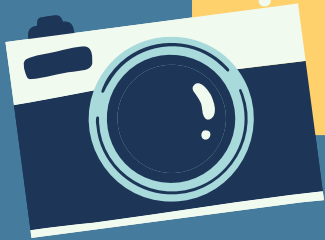




# Disagreement with Good Results


Family Discussion



**Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left**

Acts 15:47 – 40a (NIV)

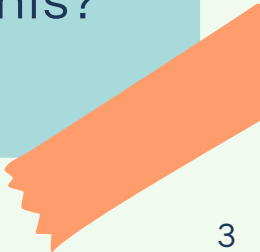
# Discuss



How do you think Paul and Barnabas might have handled their disagreement differently? What alternative approaches could they have used?

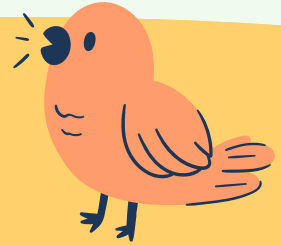
What are some ways their decision to separate affected the early Christian community and the spread of the Gospel?

With these events in mind, what principles or guidelines might we keep in mind when facing disagreements?





# Prayer



- Thank God that He is in control of events in our lives and in our churches.
- Ask God to give wisdom to those who make decisions in both your local church and in your denomination.
- Pray that God will bless the outreach ministries of your church.

