



## ADVANCE CHURCH NETWORK N O R T H C A R O L I N A

### Cohort Conversations

#### **Week of March 25, 2026: Pastoral Encouragement – Proclaim God’s Word**

**Connect** – What’s is something you have been learning about recently?

**Scripture Texts**—Acts 15:36-16:10

**Pray**— Read and pray through Acts 15:36-16:10 for 15-20 minutes popcorn style, while being sensitive to how the Spirit leads. Here’s a way to break it down:

Upward Reverence (15:36-16:10) Praise God for who He is in this passage. Praise Him for how He sovereignly works all things for our good and His glory.

Downward Response (15:36-16:10) Respond to God’s glory shown in this passage. Respond with joy and comfort knowing that God’s Word will not return void, and that He will work even through us to get it to those who need to hear it.

Inward Requests (15:36-16:10) Pray for each other as we preach the Gospel. Ask God to soften the hearts of those we preach to, praying that they’d be open to God’s Word.

Outward Readiness (15:36-16:10) Ask God to give us hearts ready to proclaim the Gospel where He has placed us, while also being ready to go where He might be leading us or our churches.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- In 15:36-41, we have more conflict that results in separation. But how did God use this moment to further the proclamation of the Gospel?
- Paul’s journey took him to revisit churches he’d planted and to new fields, preaching the Gospel at both to encourage believers and see new souls saved. Why is preaching and teaching the Gospel so important for both discipling believers and reaching the lost? Why is important to know we never graduate from the Gospel?
- God sovereignly called Paul, Silas, and their growing group to preach in particular places. How does God sovereignly work in our proclamation of His Word? How does He work to guide what we say, guide who we say it to, and how others respond to it?

#### **Application**

- What are you preaching and teaching now to the people in your church?
- Pray for each other that we’d teach God’s Word faithfully, and that he would work the truth into the hearts of our people.