

## “Division And Healing”

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### DIVISION

**1** At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. **2** But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. **3** So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders. **4** The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles. **5** There was a plot afoot among both Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them. **6** But they found out about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding country, **7** where they continued to preach the gospel. (Acts 14:1-7 NIV)

**36** Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” **37** Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, **38** 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. **39** They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, **40** but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. **41** He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. (Acts 15:36-41 NIV)

### HEALING

**8** Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. **9** But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. **10** This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. (Acts 19:8-10 NIV)

**11** When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” **12** Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. **13** The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them. **14** But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: **15** “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. **16** In the past, he let all nations go their own way. **17** Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” **18** Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them. **19** Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. **20** But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe. (Acts 14:8-20 NIV)

**13** On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. **14** One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. **15** When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us. (Acts 16:13-15 NIV)

**11** God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, **12** so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. (Acts 19: 11-12 NIV)

### Talking Points

- Division is defined as the act or process of dividing or separating. Sometimes when people divide over disagreements life can be very challenging and painful. Have you ever felt the pain of division? (For example, division in your job, division in your family, divorce, division in friendships, division in church.) What are the outside forces that cause division in your life?
- Why do you think Paul and Barnabas had a "sharp disagreement"? (Acts 15:39) How do we as "followers of the way" overcome our disagreements and divisions? Should we try to overcome our division for the sake of unity and our mission? If so, what are ways the apostles healed God's people and communities?
- Acts 19:11 says that God did "extraordinary miracles" through Paul? According to the Book of Acts what are some of these miracles? Is it possible for God to do "extraordinary miracles" through you?

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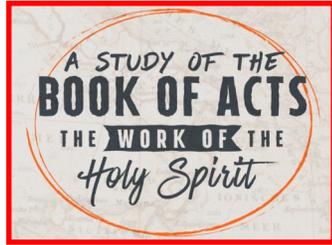
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## Connections



Wednesdays at 6pm we will dive into the book of Acts with our friends from First Zion.

October 9 Bluffton

October 16 First Zion

October 23 First Zion

October 30 Fall Y'all Celebration @ Oyster Factory Park

### Sign-Ups Available!

Don't miss your chance to sign-up for Fall Festival Pecans, greeter or hospitality opportunities among other things. See our information table and coffee bar for more information.

### Sunday Night Small Group Returns!

We will begin a new study on October 23 at 6pm. It will be a study from Max Lucado, "Before Amen." Study guides may be obtained through a favorite resource.



### Help our Curb Appeal

If you enjoy gardening and planting please contact Megan Kaelin to join our new Garden Ministry for our Persimmon buildings (mkaelinhiumc@gmail.com)



## October

### SUNDAY, October 6

9:00 & 11:15 Hilton Head Worship

9:00 & 10:30 Bluffton Worship

6:00 Youth / SPARC hang time

6:00 NO Adult Small Group

### MONDAY, October 7

11:00 Bridge Builders

6:30 Ladies AA Meeting

### TUESDAY, October 8

10:00 Fellowship Friends

4:00 Missions Committee

6:15 Youth Group on HHI

### WEDNESDAY, October 9

10:00 Staff Spiritual Day

10:00 Brain Boosters

11:30 Purls of Wisdom

12:15 Healing & Wholeness

2:30 Handbell Rehearsal

5:00 Stephen Ministry

6:00 Acts Bible Study Our Campus

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, October 10

12:00 NO lunch w/Staff until Nov. 14

### FRIDAY, October 11

11:00 Memory Matters

12:00 Soup Kitchen

### SATURDAY, October 12

### SUNDAY, October 13

9:00 & 11:15 Hilton Head Worship

9:00 & 10:30 Bluffton Worship

6:00 NO Adult Small Group

6:00 Youth/SPARC hang time

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## October 6, 2019

### Services at 9:00am & 10:30am

A United Methodist Congregation with a mission to be an open, nurturing body of Christian believers seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.



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