



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of November 9, 2025

Acts 16:1-5

[1] Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. [2] He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. [3] Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. [4] As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. [5] So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

1. How does it make you feel to know that in the kingdom of God, you are not irreplaceable; that there is always someone else God has ready to fill your seat? How does this impact the way you live your life?
2. How does knowing the heritage of both Paul and Timothy encourage us, especially those of us from non-Christian or unequally yoked marriages? What should this teach us about the kind of people God can use?
3. In 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 we read about Paul living as a servant of all so that he might win some to Christ. Timothy didn't have to get circumcised, but he did so in order to be a more effective witness for Christ. How does the Gospel lead to such a self-sacrificing attitude?
4. Should ALL Christians have the same attitude as Paul and Timothy? Why or why not? Who shoulders the responsibility for hardened self-centered hearts? Is it a sovereign God's fault that more Christians don't live self-sacrificing lives?
5. Why do you think some people would rather sacrifice, suffer and even become a martyr for a political party or human ideology but not for the cause of Christ?
6. What do you think is the most effective evangelistic tool/event/program that can help the church grow both in numbers and in depth of faith?
7. What would happen at Hawaii Kai Church, in the State of Hawaii, in America, and in the world, if more people started to live like Paul and Timothy, believing in and relying solely upon the power of God's word?
8. Does your heart break for your lost family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers? If so, how does that show in the way you live? If not, why not?