



## Christian Community

In this passage we find the members of the local church reaching out to other believers in other communities. There has also been disagreement between a couple of Apostles.

### Week 3. Local Community

- What does being a part of the local community mean to you?
- Read Acts 15:35-end
- How well do you know other Christians in the Church? Across the locality?
- Is it important to you, that you feel you belong?
- From the perspective of an 'outsider', how might we appear as God's people?
- Can you suggest ways in which to reach out to others - from a different congregation, different Church or in the local community.
- Being part of the local community means building healthy relationships based on authenticity. Why might 'being real' be important?
- Community life can bring a painful revelation of our limitations & weaknesses. How might we learn and grow from these difficult experiences?
- When Christians fall out or have a difference of opinion, how should they behave? Does it have an impact on those outside the Church?
- Why might it be beneficial to work with other Christians across a community?
- Can you think of examples where this has worked well / not so well?
- What do we share with others at the moment? Can we offer more? Are we willing to receive from others?
- What difference would it make if we work closely with other Christians across the local community?
- Pray about how we can more readily share and care for each other in the local community. Thank God for the recent collaboration of St Thomas' & St Mark's during the past year.



