

THE GREAT DEBATE

Acts 15:1-11

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. IF WE ADD ANYTHING TO THE GOSPEL IT'S NO LONGER GOOD NEWS
2. IT'S THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL THAT LIBERATES US

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Acts 15 focuses on the Jerusalem council. This council was debating whether or not Jesus was enough for salvation or if there was more that needed to be done in order to be saved. What are some modern-day examples of things that we try to add to Jesus as a requirement for salvation?
3. One of the main ideas this week was that "If we add anything to the gospel it's no longer good news." What is the gospel? What are some natural consequences or outcomes if we try to add anything to the gospel?
4. What are some practical ways that Christians today can remove unnecessary barriers and burdens for people who are turning to God?
5. When you look at this account from Acts 15, do you relate more to the pharisees, apostles or gentiles? Why?
6. Another main idea this week was that "It's the truth of the gospel that liberates us." What are some of your burdens? What are some ways the truth of the gospel could liberate you from those burdens?
7. OPEN DISCUSSION: Take some time to talk about the different misconceptions you've heard or believed about what it takes to become a Christian and what it means to be a Christian. You could also discuss different ways to remove unnecessary barriers for someone who is interesting in following Jesus without compromising the truth of the gospel.