

Book Study #13

ACTS

Acts 14:21 - 15:35

The Return to Antioch in Syria – The Council at Jerusalem – The Council’s letter to Gentile Believers

Before we begin this journey...

1. How busy is your daily schedule? What do you do to relax from “the routine?”
2. What is most challenging to you about enforcing rules?
3. How often do you write letters to friends? How do we communicate casual / official information?

Do Some Research and Mapping...

4. What did Paul and Barnabas do in Derbe? (14:21)
5. Why did Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps to Antioch? (14:22)
6. What encouragement and help did the apostles give the new Christians? (14:22-23)
7. Who came to Antioch? What were they teaching? (15:1)
8. How did the apostles and the brethren determine to resolve the problem in Antioch? (15:2)
9. How did James summarize his views? (15:13-21)
10. What was the letter to Gentile believers about? What was the tone of the letter? (15:24-29)
11. How did the Christians in Antioch respond to the message from Jerusalem? (15:31)
12. When Judas and Silas left for Jerusalem, what kind of send-off were they given? (15:33)
13. What did Paul and Barnabas do in Antioch? (15:35)

Sort, Organize, Discuss, Understand...

14. What is “discipling” and how does our church disciple new Christians?
15. How can you help younger Christians get established in the faith?
16. What was wise about using a council to deal with the thorny issue of how non-Jews could be saved?
17. When dealing with difficult issues, what do we need to include in the decision-making process?
18. What is the best way to solve disagreements among Christians?
19. How would you handle a difficult problem with another Christian?

Application for this week...

20. What younger Christian can you encourage this week? How?
21. Where can you get help resolving an issue about which you are unsure?
22. What difficult relationship should you improve this week for the sake of Christ? How?

A prayer for your journey... “Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life.” -Amen

Write It Down... 

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reflection
under...

discipling is.. _____

helping me, I will...

