

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Church is Gospel- Centered

Acts 15

River Ridge Core Value:

AN EMPTY SEAT IS A SERIOUS THING

Getting Started:

1. What were some of the expected, extra-biblical rules you were supposed to follow in the church you grew up?
2. What stood out to you most from this message? Were there any questions that you had after listening to Andy's message?

Digging Deeper:

3. **Read Acts 15:1-21.** Summarize it in your own words. What stands out?
4. What are some other things these teachers might tell the Gentiles to do?
5. As a new believer, hearing these regulations were required, how would you feel about your faith?
6. If you were a Jew, why would these rules be important to you?
7. What is the main issue as Paul sees it? How would you describe Peter's struggle with the issue?
8. What does **Galatians 2:15-16** teach us about this subject?
9. What has led James to change his mind? How does **Acts 1:8**, play into this?
10. Is there some area of your faith that you feel like Peter, going back and forth because you aren't sure what is right?
11. What additions to the gospel might a new believer encounter in your church? What should you do about it?

Next Steps:

12. Andy gave 2 belief statements; do you have trouble confidently saying these? Why or why not?
 - a. Salvation is through faith alone in Christ alone.
 - b. We will remove as many barriers as possible so people can turn to God.
13. "I have the willingness to change as God changes me." What does this mean? What step can you take this week to make this true statement?

Prayer:

Pray that God would open our eyes to the blinders of how we have added to the gospel. Give us the strength to make the needed changes.