



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

As the apostles share the good news further beyond Israel, serious questions arise. Some Jewish Christians insist that Gentile Christians observe the law of Moses. Ultimately, James helps the church find their way: "...we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."

ICE BREAKER

What's the most unnecessarily difficult thing you've ever done?

READ ACTS 15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are your initial thoughts about this passage?

In vs. 11 Peter says some Christians are testing God. How do you think their approach is testing God?

James says the church shouldn't make it difficult for Gentiles to come to God. What does that tell you about the New Testament church's mindset?

How has the contemporary church made it difficult for people who are turning to God?

What can we do as a church to remove unnecessary barriers between God and people?

Is there anything you can do, personally, to help remove a barrier between God and someone?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage?

In light of what you've heard, how are you going to be different in the future?