
GROUP DISCUSSION

Book of Acts: The Ripple Effect
GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth
Acts 15, March 12th & March 15th, 2026
When Conflict Clarifies the Gospel.

Prayer Requests:

Read Aloud: Acts 15:1-32

1. Why do you think the Messianic Jews insisted the Gentiles must follow the Law of Moses? What extra weight might we put on new believers in the modern-day church?
2. What was the evidence that Paul points to for salvation? What distracts us from the by grace through faith alone doctrine? Read Romans 6:15. How do we view sin considering grace?
3. What can we learn from the early church on resolving conflict? What is the difference between essential doctrines and adiaphora (non-essential matters)? How can we show empathy and charity in non-essential matters? Read 1 Cor. 8:1-13. How are we to view our liberty in non-essential matters?
4. How can healthy conflict strengthen a church? Why did James send Judas and Silas to deliver this letter to Antioch?