



Life Group Discussion Guide
“When the Church Aligns Around the Mission” – Acts 15:1-19
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Main thought:

The church is better together when we align around the mission, and stay rooted in the Bible, centered on the gospel, and focused on helping people find and follow Jesus.

Ice-Breaker

- What’s one of the most beautiful places you’ve been near the Tri-Cities?

Questions

1. What stood out to you from Acts 15:1-19?
2. Why do you think it was both encouraging and challenging for the first century Jewish church to accept and incorporate non-Jewish believers? How do similar challenges show up in churches today?
3. What are the positive steps taken to address the misalignment in the church in Acts 15?
4. Why is it important to hear that we need to keep an outward focus rather than an inward focus? What can we do to keep our hearts open toward people who are far from God?
5. James said the church should *“not make it difficult for people who are turning to God”*. What are some barriers people often experienced when approaching church or Christianity?
6. What is the difference between:
 - a. A Biblical absolute?
 - b. A personal preference or cultural expectation?
7. Why is that distinction important for the church?
8. What principle/application did you most need to hear and apply from this passage?

Prayer: Take some time to pray for each other and for our church to be aligned around the mission of helping people find and follow Jesus.