

Potential Discussion Questions

Message 2020-1-12, Grace Goes to Court: The Trial (Ac 15:1-12)

1. We love to sing “Amazing Grace.” Sometimes it’s not so easy to feel gracious or receive grace. What are some struggles you’ve had in understanding and living in grace?
2. How has change brought growth, loss and pain to your life?
3. How do you balance the desire for growth and the natural resistance to pain?
4. In what ways is conflict difficult for you? How do you normally react in conflict?
5. Why is disagreement and debate over truth challenging for you? Why is it necessary?
6. Discuss the relationship of law and grace in the New Testament as it grows from this controversy in Acts 15. How does Paul’s letter to the Galatians help your understanding? (see verses like 2:16; 3:11-12, 24; 5:1,6 and their context)
7. How would you explain to someone that law and grace are mutually exclusive?
8. Most people today don’t deal with the Mosaic Law as a necessity for salvation in Christ and living out their faith. What “laws” are we more likely to impose on others?
9. Are you intentional and straightforward in addressing conflict? Why or why not?
10. Is there a current conflict in your world that “needs a trip to Jerusalem” (you need to take initiative and action to address)?
11. How is dealing with conflict over preferences different than those over truth?
12. What would you like to discuss from this study that hasn’t been covered?