

## Potential Discussion Questions

### Message 2020-1-19, Grace Goes to Court: The Verdict (Ac 15:13-35)

1. Were you surprised by Lyle Schaller's 75% and 25% estimates on general and severe conflicts in churches? If accurate, what is this telling us?
2. This passage has several tough interpretive issues. How do you see James using Amos 9:11-12 in presenting his recommendation?
3. Luke does not record most of the discussion/debate that apparently took place. What does that indicate to you? Why do you think the whole Jerusalem church is involved?
4. Describe the role of Paul, Peter, Barnabas and James in this "council." How does this instruct us if we were to have a challenging issue in our church?
5. This text records four specific actions that we suggested in the message might have been chosen to help break new believers away from their idolatrous past. If this were addressed specifically to us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, what are the strongholds of our idolatry that might parallel these from the 1<sup>st</sup> century?
6. Talk through each of the 4 lessons for us that concluded the message. How do you see them in the passage? How do you respond to them on a personal level?
7. What other lessons do you see in this passage that could be added?
8. What would you like to pray about in response to this passage?
9. Share a new or refreshed insight you gained from Acts 15.
10. What would you like to discuss from this passage that hasn't been addressed?