
MONDAY

Acts 15:1-6 ***“Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.” So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question.”***

MONDAY REFLECTION

Find yourself in the story. What do you feel if you are Barnabas and Paul? What do you feel if you are the “party of the Pharisees”?

What do both sides feel is at stake? What does God say to you through these verses?

TUESDAY

Acts 15:7-12 ***“After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe... God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us.”***

TUESDAY REFLECTION

What do you notice as you read this story?

What does God want you to understand from these verses?

WEDNESDAY

Acts 15:13-18 ***“When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me. Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles. The words of the prophets are in agreement with this...”***

WEDNESDAY REFLECTION

Why do you think James connects the matter they are trying to discern to scripture?

What does God want you to understand about this part of the story??

THURSDAY

Acts 15:19-21 ***“It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.”***

THURSDAY REFLECTION

(If you haven't read the previous verses in chapter 15 this week, take a moment to do that, then read verses 19-21 again)

What do you think helped James make this suggestion?

What does God want to say to you?

FRIDAY

Acts 15:22-29 ***"Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas... "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements..."***

FRIDAY REFLECTION

What do these verses say to you about the matter of discernment?

How important is it to commit to doing God's will before praying to know God's will?

SATURDAY

Acts 15:30-35 ***"So the men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter. The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message."***

SATURDAY REFLECTION

What stands out to you about the mood of the people who received this message?

How different is that from the "sharp dispute and debate" they felt at the beginning?

SUNDAY

Bringing it Together

What common themes do you find?

What is God saying to you through this week's journey?
