

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 11, 2017
Acts 15:1-35

1. What was happening at the beginning of chapter 15 (verses 1-3)?
 - a. Men came from Judea to Antioch who said that circumcision was required for salvation.
 - b. Paul and Barnabas sharply disagreed with the teachings of the men who came.
 - c. The church in Antioch sent them to Jerusalem to discuss the issue.
 - d. All of the Above.

2. What did the believers in Jerusalem who belonged to the party of the Pharisees say in verse 5?

3. How did Peter respond, according to verses 7-11?
 - a. Peter reminds the assembly of the time when God called him to preach to Gentiles.
 - b. Peter pointed out that God knows the heart and accepted the Gentiles just as He had accepted the Jews.
 - c. He pointed out that they should not be required to do something in order to be saved.

4. How did the assembly respond to Peter's words?
 - a. They became silent.
 - b. They listened to Barnabas and Paul tell about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles.
 - c. James added that the prophets had spoken about this in advance (verses 14-18)
 - d. James said that they "should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."

5. Did this mean that the Gentiles who were coming to God didn't have to change at all when they became believers (see verses 20-21)? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

6. What is the difference between circumcision and the other things from which the leaders at Jerusalem decided to continue to ask people to abstain? _____

7. How important was it to the church leaders in Jerusalem that this issue was resolved?
 - a. They spent quite a bit of time discussing it.
 - b. They sent a letter clarifying their decision about the doctrine of the church.
 - c. They sent leaders in the church with the letter so that they could personally deliver the message.

8. How did the people react when they read the letter? _____

9. What do we do when we have a disagreement, theologically, with somebody in the church, either locally or beyond?
 - a. We discuss it with them.
 - b. We leave the church.
 - c. We find people to agree with us and start our own church.
 - d. We come to a Biblical agreement on what is important for our salvation.