

Unstoppable week 6

Discussion Questions

1. **Read Acts 15:1-11.** Why would the Jews go to Antioch and tell the disciples there, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved”? What convictions is the action rooted in?
2. What does it say about both parties, the Jews and Paul and Barnabas, that they agreed to go to the church in Jerusalem to settle the issue?
3. What is significant about the people who comprised the assembly in Jerusalem?
4. Explain in your own words what Peter says to the assembly (Acts 15:7-11). What is the essential part of his message?
5. How does James affirm Peter’s statement? Why is it significant that he quotes from Amos?
6. **Read Acts 15:23-29.** Explain some of the different traditions and convictions that Jews and gentiles would have had that kept them segregated from each other in that day. What is the council doing through the letter it sends? Why does it contain the specific prohibitions? What outcome do they intend?
7. Talk about various strong convictions people hold and how that impact the way they view and interact with other people. What are some of your strong convictions?
8. What does it mean to filter your convictions through the gospel of grace and not filter the gospel of grace through your convictions?
9. How do we live out the gospel of grace with others who violate our convictions – even the convictions that are rooted in the truth of the Bible? How can even our Biblical convictions do damage to the gospel?
10. How do we hold on to our healthy, Biblical convictions and still joyously share the gospel with the world?
11. If your group are “the Jews,” holding strong Biblical convictions, who are the gentiles of our day? What has to be done to create a community of faith where gospel fellowship thrives, that is attractive to our divided and contentious world?