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Community Group Questions: Acts 15

- How does your faith in Jesus relate with your views on creation (God's work as understood through natural sciences) and culture (our work as understood through social sciences)?
- What rules (spiritual or religious) were you taught when you were younger that you no longer believe are necessary? How did you make the decision that the rules should change?
- Because we believe the Bible is the "inspired word of God," we believe it teaches truth about God, the world and our lives. But obviously the Bible was written in another time and from another culture. How do you decide what is an absolute teaching for all time and what may have been a contextual teaching for that time and place?
- Many people struggle to understand the literature of the Bible (history, prophecy, poetry, teaching, etc.). This can make it tricky to know whether to read it literally or figuratively. How have you been able to reconcile that for your own spiritual growth?
- When you try to apply the Bible how do you determine where it is speaking to you as an individual and where it is speaking to a group?
- Is there a group of people today who seem like outsiders to the church in the same way Gentiles were outsiders to the Jewish people? What "fences" keep them from Jesus? What steps could be taken to remove some of the fences? And what fences should remain?

