



ACTS

the story of the Church

Sermon Guide

WEEK 13

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

Read: Acts 15

Consider:

There is only one way we can be rescued from the penalty and the power of sin, and that is by God's grace, which is offered to us through faith in Christ alone. Anytime we add anything to that, we are proclaiming a different gospel than the one found in scripture. It is impossible to be saved any other way than through Jesus. In our text, we find a definitive answer given by the early church about the requirement of salvation. Definitive answers like these have been given the name "Christian doctrine," or "Bible doctrine." You can kind of think of it as the "Christian constitution." Without these statements, Christianity would be open to interpretation, but because we have these positions, we not only know what to believe but also how to defend the faith.

Engage:

1. What are some common controversial topics in our generation concerning Christianity?
2. What questions do you have of God? The Bible? Christian History? (Leaders, please write these down and send them to Dominique)

3. How is it going with sharing the gospel with your lost Christian Facebook friends?

Practice:

Research a doctrine, or topic you have questions about.

Apply:

1. Read your Bible daily .
2. If are wrestling through a specific principle in Christianity, reach out to mature believers and get guidance.
3. Believe God knows best and does best, even when we don't understand.

Ask:

Did last week's sermon bring any questions to mind? Discuss with your group. Someone else might have had the same question or know how to answer yours! Still have questions? Feel free to reach out to Dominique at dominique@hopefellowshipknox.com.

WHO ARE YOU INVITING TO CHURCH THIS WEEK?