



Discipleship Guide Acts 15

This guide was created to help you engage with the book of Acts and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Acts 15 Questions:

Dallas Willard says: “A disciple is a person who has decided that the most important thing in her life is to learn how to do what Jesus said to do. Disciples simply are people who are constantly revising their affairs to carry through on their decision to follow Jesus.”

- However, in Acts 15 the church is asking: how Jewish to the Gentile disciples need to become in order to be considered faithful? Does this seem like the best way to begin the conversation?
- What do we do with the new? The unknown? The people, the culture, the experiences that don't fit into our nice and neat boxes. What do we do with people who are different than ourselves?

Jesus is the lens through which we read the scriptures, find grace, and live in relationship.

- When people experience Jesus through you, do they receive grace or judgment first?
- Who do you lead with judgment over grace with in your life right now? Who is a people group that you think should live differently before they receive grace? Will you drop the yoke? Will you drop the religious chains that you are hoisting around their neck and try to lead with love?

The real question is about identity: is it found in Christ or our other allegiances first?

- How will people see the hope of Jesus alive in you if your life looks no different than your neighbors?

For our kids (and adults too!): Do your words and actions reflect the grace of God alive in you?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?