



## HEART

8. God takes the unity of the church seriously. Why is this the case? How should His desire for unity affect the way we think and act?

9. There are times that believers should give up their “rights” to certain behaviors for the sake of the Gospel? How does the mature believer respond to this truth?



## HANDS

10. Knowing Satan’s desire to disrupt the mission of the church, what steps can an individual/church take to prevent this from happening?

11. What are the dangers of basing our theology on bumper stickers or on social media memes instead of the Scriptures? What steps will you take to keep from falling into this trap?



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Acts 15:1-35

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### Notes:

I. Satan Loves to \_\_\_\_\_ What God is Doing

II. Bumper Sticker \_\_\_\_\_ is not Enough

III. Grace-filled \_\_\_\_\_ Must be Practiced



### **BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY’S SERMON**

*The incredible mission of the church, lived out through the believers, must continue!*

## QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

\* What are some of the silliest rules or laws you've heard of? (If there is time, use your smartphone to search for silly rules and laws online.)



Read Acts 15:1-35

1. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
2. Why might the well-meaning Jews have wanted to impose a set of rules on new believers? If you were one of the Gentiles who heard the new rules you were supposed to follow, how would you feel about your new faith?
3. Define the term *dissension* as used in verse 2. Clearly Paul disagreed sharply with the rule-imposing Jews. What was the main issue as Paul saw it? Why was this issue such an important topic for the Apostle?
4. Chapter 15 records three sermons or speeches. Who delivered each of these messages, and what is the main point/argument of each?
5. Read Acts 15:19-20. While not necessary for salvation, James added some specific directives in these verses? What were they, and why were they so important? How do these relate to 1 Corinthians 9:19-21?
6. What is the tone of the letter found in verses 23-29? What are the main points of the letter? How might the letter have been encouraging to Gentile believers (v. 31)?
7. Pastor Brian said that James gives us two complementary principles for grace-filled living. What were they, and how can these principles be used today?