

# ACTS

**Acts Week 10** | Group Discussion Guide | November 09, 2025

Acts 15:1-21

## **Key Points:**

The decision was reached out of complete unity (one accord), and seemed good to the whole church.

There is an emphasis on the Holy Spirit's role in the resolution.

God's Oikos (household) is built on grace, and to be called into God's Oikos is to be invited to sit at the table.

Grace is how people are called to the table, grace is how people remain at the table, and grace is how those at the table are to respond to everyone.

"Personal and cultural prejudice have no place in the culture of grace." — N.T. Wright

"Legalism and ethnocentrism (ethnic prejudice) have the same root." — John Piper

**Group Opener:** When you face pressure- whether cultural, personal or spiritual- how do you tend to respond? Do you retreat, react, refocus, or something else?

## **Discuss**

1. If the outcome of the events in Acts 15 had been different, we wouldn't be here today.
2. Ask a question about what extra requirements get put on salvation by grace through faith alone, making it not salvation by grace through faith alone. Circumcision and obedience to the Mosaic law are not the issues affecting the church today. Instead, what kind of extra requirements get put on the gospel today? (The answers could be unlimited.) The Jews and the Gentiles are saved by grace, and nothing else is needed.
3. Peter points out that salvation of the Gentiles is what the prophet Joel prophesied would happen
4. The decision seemed good to the whole church, including those who were normally of a different opinion.
5. If the condition for belonging as full members of God's family (at the grown-ups table and not the kids table) is not by grace through faith, then what kind of effect does that have on our

6. What would it look like if we saw our church as the “grace place?” How could our small group look as a “grace place?”

**Pray:**