

Study Guide on Acts 15:1-12

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Acts 15:1-12

(Acts 15:1) Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

(Acts 15:2) And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.

(Acts 15:3) So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers.

(Acts 15:4) When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.

(Acts 15:5) But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

(Acts 15:6) The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.

(Acts 15:7) After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers.

(Acts 15:8) And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us;

(Acts 15:9) and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us.

(Acts 15:10) Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear?

(Acts 15:11) On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

(Acts 15:12) The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?