

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- People fight about many things. Which are worth fighting over, and which aren't? What makes it hard to remember which is which?
- **Read Acts 15:1-12.** What was being debated at this time? What does Peter say about being cleansed?
- Peter argues to not impose the law on Gentiles. What reasons does he give?
- **Read Romans 4:3-12.** Why is it incorrect to say that circumcision is necessary for salvation? What was the purpose of circumcision (**Rom 4:11-12**)?
- Some denominations now say baptism is necessary for salvation. How would you respond to this? Why would/should someone be baptized?
- **Read Acts 15:13-21.** In verses 19-21 James urges Gentiles to avoid things that Jews would find most revolting. What do you think is his motivation here?
- **Read Acts 15:22-35.** If you had been a Gentile believer, how would you have been encouraged by this news?
- **Read Acts 16:1-5.** Given the ruling of the Council, Timothy did not need to be circumcised. Why do you think Paul thought it was important for Timothy to be?
- In **1 Corinthians 8:4-13** and **9:19-23**, Paul says we should humbly submit ourselves and our preferences to the needs of others. How does this attitude help believers? How does it advance the Gospel?
- What would it look like to surrender your rights or personal preferences for the sake of other Christians? For non-Christians?
- Which specific freedoms might you need to surrender for the sake of others?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- People fight about many things. Which are worth fighting over, and which aren't? What makes it hard to remember which is which?
- In Jewish history, God gave circumcision as a sign to set His people apart from the rest of the world. So some Jewish leaders said new Christians had to first be circumcised in order to be saved. **Read Acts 15:6-35**. What did the council decide about circumcision? What was their reason?
- What's a rule or tradition in your faith or church you think is really important? Why?
- How can you keep unity in your church with those who disagree?
- In verses 19-21 James urges Gentiles to avoid things that Jews would find most revolting. What do you think is his motivation here?
- In **1 Corinthians 8:4-13** and **9:19-23**, Paul says we should humbly submit what we want to the needs of others. How does this attitude help believers? How does it help us share the Gospel?
- What would it look like to surrender your rights (what you can and want to do) for the sake of other Christians? For non-Christians?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

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