

## Family Discipleship Resource

May 10-16

(Acts 15:1-12)



### **G** – Gather for Prayer

*Father,*

*Lord, thank you for your grace. Grant me wisdom and zeal to protect myself and others against a false gospel.*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **R** – Read the Text (Acts 14:8-28)

*1 Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue. 3 Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren. 4 When they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."*

*6 The apostles and the elders came together to look into this [c]matter. 7 After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that [d]in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; 9 and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are."*

*12 All the people kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.*

### **O** – Observe what God has said

***What are some belief systems that teach salvation by works? Why do you think they believe this? Why is this dangerous?***

***What does Peter teach about salvation?***

***Where else does the Bible teach this?***

### **W** – Work on Application

The Lord has done all that is necessary for men to be saved through Jesus Christ and this applied by the Spirit of God those who believe in Him. Anyone who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved. That is really it and a growing church preserves that at all costs and against the inevitable tendency to turn what is simple and profound into more complicated and ultimately worthless.

***How can we be sure to preserve the true gospel in our church and protect against a false gospel?***

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Family Weekly Memory Verse: *“But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.”-Acts 15:11*