

## **Bible Summary- Acts 15**

### Think Differently

At times life can seem like a riddle. How do bad, broken people get the good life? The normal answer is a self-improvement regiment of try harder, do more, act better, or punish yourself. Most people find this doesn't work and when it does it often produces a selfish, judgmental jerk. Grace has to teach us to think differently. We don't get the good life through laws, force or pain but through faith and grace which produces love and passion. A good Christian discipline is to meditate on how grace should train us to think differently about the good life and other people.

Scriptures: Acts 15:1-11; Galatians 3:19; Acts 13:22; Deuteronomy 30:4-6; Jeremiah 31:33-34; Ezekiel 36:25-26

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. The Pharisees started out with good intentions, to honor the Law. Where did they go wrong?
3. Why was the Law given to us? Why was it necessary? (Gal. 3:19-24)
  - a. How does experiencing grace shape your understanding of the Law?
4. Often times we don't exercise grace with others until we realize we ourselves have received grace.
  - a. Share about a time when you passed judgment on someone and then noticed you were guilty of doing that exact thing.
  - b. How has knowing that you have received God's grace changed your attitude towards judging others?
5. Matt said, "When the King wins, we win." Why?
6. What can love do that the Law cannot?
7. God said David was a man after His own heart (Acts 13:22). How can we become people after God's heart?
8. How should grace change the way we live our lives?