**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 15**

**Acts 15:1-41**

1. What was meaningful to you in last week’s lesson?

2. a. What were the men from Judea teaching regarding circumcision?

 b. Why do you think this brought dispute from Paul and Barnabas from these Scripture references?

 Ephesians 2:8-9

 Galatians 5:6

 Galatians 3:3

3. From Galatians 2:1-3:

 a. How long had Paul been preaching to the Gentiles before his trip to Jerusalem?

 b. Why was he going to Jerusalem to check his doctrine?

 c. What do you think is the value of periodically examining your beliefs against the Word of God?

4. In Acts 15:3, what message did Paul share as he traveled to Jerusalem?

5. Envision the reception they received in Jerusalem.

 a. How do you think the meeting was beneficial to all?

 b. How do you react to news from your church missionaries?

6. a. After much discussion about circumcision by the Gentiles, Peter stated . . .

 . . . God demonstrated acceptance by the Gentiles by:

 . . . He made no distinction:

 . . . He purified:

 . . . We are all saved by:

 b. According to verse 10, what were they trying to do to the new believers?

7. This chapter examines Christian freedom. What did Paul write in Galatians 5:1-2?

8. What did James confirm about Peter’s testimony and the prophecy about Gentiles in Acts 15:13-18?

9. a. In verse 19, what was James’ judgment?

 b. How can we avoid making it hard for others to grow spiritually?

10. What was James’ concession to the Jews?

11. Who was in the delegation returning to Antioch?

12. In the letter:

 a. How was the letter’s authority confirmed?

 b. What became of the circumcision issue?

13. a. How was the letter received?

 b. Share a personal experience of an encouraging letter?

14. From Acts 15:32-33, what do we know about Judas and Silas?

15. a. What was Paul’s plan for a second missionary journey?

 b. What issue brought disagreement between Paul and Barnabas?

 c. How did they resolve it?

16. Consider conflict/disagreement between Christians.

 a. Discuss with your group how you think putting distance between the two in conflict is a help or a hindrance. Note what you’d like to share.

 b. From these Scriptures, how can we deal with conflict?

 Matthew 5:23-24

 Galatians 6:10

 Philippians 2:3-4

 Colossians 3:13

 c. The love of Jesus that binds Christian brothers together will work to resolve human conflicts. It did for Paul. You’ll see . . . this story has a happy ending! Write Psalm 133:1.