

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of August 23-24, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Gospel Tensions

(Acts 14:23-15:35)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Acts 14:23-15:35

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Within this text, Pastor Alan highlights two tensions that the early church is wrestling with regarding the gospel.

Tension #1 – The essence of the gospel must be diligently guarded and protected.

When, if ever, have you been exposed to a gospel message that included or at least hinted at additional requirements beyond the saving grace of Jesus?

If you experienced something like this, how did it impact you?

It seems likely the new Jewish believers were not intentionally trying to offer additional steps or layers to the gospel but were instead simply holding to meaningful God honoring traditions that had been passed down for generations. (Acts 15:5)

When, if ever, have you through good intentions potentially added unnecessary complications to the gospel?

Is there anything you are currently feeling called to release that you may be holding onto which could be a barrier to others seeing the gospel for what it truly is?

Tension #2 – The gospel calls us to love and honor each other.

In 15:6-7, we read that God chose the gentiles (in addition to the Jewish nation) and in 15:8-11, the Jewish believers are instructed to not place unnecessary yokes on the gentiles.

How do you navigate a faith walk that balances valuing traditions of the past while honoring current practices that make look different?

When, if ever, have you felt called to adjust or eliminate a personal practice in order to benefit someone else's walk - without watering down the essence of the gospel (Acts 15:11).

When, if ever, have you been able to introduce a faith tradition to a new believer which had the potential to enhance their faith experience without presenting it as an unnecessary requirement?

When, if ever, has a believer who maybe grew up with different faith traditions than yourself offered you encouragement/freedom to experience Jesus in new ways that maybe resonate more powerfully for you?

If you have ever experienced something like this, what did it mean for you in your faith walk?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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