



ACTS OF THE
Holy Spirit

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR CONNECT GROUPS

4 & 5 FEB 2023

“THE SPIRIT WHO UNITES THE CHURCH”

ACTS 15.1-21

Suggestions for Making the Most of your Group Time

1. Begin by reviewing the video of the sermon, preferably before you meet together (see <https://www.brmc.org.sg/services/sermons/>).
2. Read the Scripture passage together, before entering into discussion.
3. Spend time on both question components, namely:
 - a. Comprehension (*Who? What? When? Why? How?*);
 - b. Application / Transformation (*So what? What action should I take? Perspective should I adopt? Value should I uphold? Emotion should I embrace? Habit should I develop? Desire should I nurture? etc*)
4. Discuss as few or as many questions as best fits your group’s current context and present stage in life.
5. Before ending your group session, allocate some time (15-20 min) to pray with and for one another.

Discussion Questions

1. From your review of the sermon and your reading of the Scripture passage, recap the key points of this sermon.

2. Read Acts 15:9-11. In your own words, describe why Gentiles (like us) are not required to be circumcised in order to receive God's salvation. What answers would you give to someone who insists that you must obey the laws of Moses to be saved?

3. According to Peter's testimony, the sign that the Gentiles have now received salvation is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on them (Acts 15:8, cf. 10:45).

a) How do we know that the Holy Spirit lives in us (cf. Romans 8:16)?

b) More importantly, are we walking in the Spirit (cf. Galatians 5:16)? Share with each other your current relationship with the Holy Spirit (e.g., intimate, lukewarm, distant, uncertain). Explain and elaborate, where possible.

4. The crisis at Jerusalem ended with both Jews and Gentiles uniting in their rejection of idolatry and sexual immorality (Acts 15:19-20). Depending on the level of authenticity and accountability in your group, share how idolatry and/or sexual immorality have challenged you in the past and how it might still pose a problem. End with prayer for one another.

Prayer Items

5. Pray for one another, that we would be empowered by God to live out the specific areas of application and transformation raised during the discussion time. Pray also for any needs that were mentioned.