

STUDY GUIDE

Acts 15:1-41

“The Battle for Gospel Unity”

- 1) Where do we see unity in our world today? Where do we see division in our world today?”

- 2) Most of the sinful conflicts and shameful divisions among Christians are over petty issues. Share examples of issues that have created struggles in the church – and take some time to pray for our church.

- 3) Jewish Christians of the sect of the Pharisees expected the Gentiles Christians to follow the Law of Moses and keep the Jewish traditions. What are some of the un-biblical expectations churches have today?

- 4) Discuss the different ways the truth that salvation is by God’s grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone is being compromised in our churches and out in the world today.

- 5) Those who are strong in their convictions sometimes refuse to compromise even when it comes to trivial issues. Why should we compromise? Discuss possible situations when concession is right, when it does not compromise essential truth and it is done out of love to avoid offending others.

- 6) What was the cause of the division between Paul and Barnabas? Who was right? What was the outcome? In what situations do differences of viewpoint require a separation?

- 7) Discuss the meaning and implications (personally and for the church) of the following statement:

We must be diligent to maintain Gospel unity in the church. Let’s not forget who our enemy is.