

## DISCUSSION STARTER

What does it mean to have 'freedom in Christ'? What are we freed from?

## BIBLE STUDY

1. What decision was made at the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-21)? What problem did they solve, and what resolution did the Council come to?
2. **READ ACTS 15:22-35.** Who does the letter from the Council commend, and who is discredited?
3. Why were Silas and Judas (Barsabbas) sent to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas (vs 27)?
4. Who else 'approved' of the Council's decisions, according to vs 28? How was this discerned?
5. What was required of the Gentile believers (vs 29), and why these three (or four) things specifically? Are these still a requirement today for all who want to be followers of Jesus?
6. How was this letter received by the Gentile believers (vs 31)?  
*\* Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia about the controversy around circumcision, and how he had come into conflict with some of the Church leaders a few years before the Jerusalem Council:*
7. **READ GALATIANS 2:1-10.** What is the 'slavery' Paul is referring to in vs 4? What kind of freedom is he then talking about?
8. What were Paul and Barnabas urged to remember in their ministry to Gentiles (vs 10)? Why was this specifically mentioned, and what role does this ministry have in Church life today?
9. **READ GALATIANS 2:11-14.** What were Peter and some of the other Jews doing wrong, according to Paul? Why did he publicly rebuke them?
10. What point is Paul making in vs 14, and how does it relate to the Council in Acts 15?
11. What laws do Christians have to stick to today, if any? See 1 Peter 2:16.

## PRAYER

*God, help us to use our freedom in Christ to declare your goodness to a world enslaved to sin!*