

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

### GETTING STARTED

1. What are the biggest questions you have about the Old Testament?

### DIGGING DEEPER

2. Read Acts 15:1. Explain the view these men had of the Gospel. Why was the Law so important to them?
3. Read Galatians 3:1-5 then Gal 2:11-14. What influence did these men have?
4. Explain how Peter, Paul & Barnabas, and James each stood up for the Gospel (see Acts 15:7-18).
5. Read Acts 15:19-21. Why does James give these 4 restrictions to the Gentiles? What does this teach about loving others?
6. Read Acts 15:30-35. What was the reaction to the Council's letter?
7. What does this passage teach about the need to get

the Gospel right (cf. Galatians 1:8-9)?

### LIVING IT OUT

8. What are some examples of freedoms Christians may have to limit for the sake of love?
9. Principlism is an approach to interpreting OT law where one identifies the universal, timeless truth and correlates it with the NT teaching. Practice Principlism using Leviticus 19:9-10. (1) What did this law originally mean to OT Israel? (2) What might be the universal principle? (answer first then see Ruth 2) (3) Compare the principle with the NT teaching (answer first then see Rom 12:13, Gal 6:10, 1Pet 4:9) (4) Give a modern example.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

"We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

- Acts 15:11 NIV

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