



NOVEMBER 15, 2020 / WHAT ARE WE FOR? / ACTS 15:12-21

Have we removed all barriers from helping people meet God through the ministry of our church?

The FOR series, about the life of our church, is born out of two simple questions: What do we want to be known FOR? And What are we known for by the larger community? Growth happens when the answers to these questions match; when those who've said no to the church realize the church is saying yes to them. In a cynical world where the church is often known for what it is against, let's be a church known for who and what we are FOR.

READ ACTS 15:12-21.

1. How might this conflict, if not resolved, have threatened the growth of the early church? (see Galatians 3:1-3)
2. Why might it have been difficult for Jewish Christians to let go of this practice (Acts 15:5)? (see Genesis 17:13-14)
3. Who is the focal point of the argument made here for not requiring Gentile circumcision (Acts 15:4, 7-10, 12, 14)?
4. Are there barriers in our church that keep some people away from seeking a relationship with God?
5. Are there barriers in your life that hinder the message of the gospel to those around you?
6. What steps might we take to make our church more open and attractive to people in our community?

GOD AND FATHER, HELP ME REMOVE ANYTHING IN MY LIFE THAT WOULD HINDER THE GOSPEL'S MESSAGE FROM REACHING OTHERS AROUND ME.

