

THE LAYOVER* **Acts 15**

The Layover due to conflict over principles.

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The Layover due to conflict over people

w.36-41

1. Be cautious when you take it upon yourself to correct everyone else.

2. Begin with a direct conversation with leadership.

3. Be prepared to agree for the sake of the mission.

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. Can you identify with the group in 15:1,5 who wanted to make sure that the past was honored with the new Gentile believers? Are there things we “add to” the gospel in our setting today? In other words, do we sometimes feel that people must do more than put their faith in Jesus to be a “real Christian”? Give examples of what those things might be.
2. Peter and James both affirm the basic nature of the gospel and salvation in 15:6-19. Can you articulate the basic nature of salvation? How would you articulate it in your own words? See Ephesians 2:8-10.
3. Have you ever been involved in a conflict that had a positive outcome? What made it come out good? What did you learn about yourself in the process? If someone has a problem with something you are doing, how do you want them to approach you?
4. What are some of the conflicts you are having right now? (Church leaders, family, work, school, friends, etc.) What do you need to do to resolve these conflicts? What mission is being sacrificed because of these conflicts? Resolve to move forward to getting resolution with God’s help.

Memory Verse

No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are. Acts 15:11