GROWTH GUIDE

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UNSTOPPABLE: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
MISSIONAL DRIFT | ACTS 15:1-35
FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

Critical Truths:

- 1. Salvation is through faith alone. Acts 15:1-9
- 2. Salvation is by grace alone. Acts 15:10-11
- 3. Salvation is available to all who believe. Acts 15:12-18

Realignments:

- 1. Our focus on the secondary versus the primary.
- 2. Our focus on the insiders vs the outsiders.
- 3. Our focus on law versus grace.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. What were the men from Judea saying was required to be saved? Where did that idea come from? What do other people or religions say is required to be saved? What would we say?
- 2. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 3. Why don't we have to follow the 613 commandments of the Old Testament? How can we tell which still apply? For instance, murdering someone is still wrong (Exodus 20:13), but wearing polyester (Leviticus 19:19) is fine. While we're not bound to the law, in what ways, if any, are you tempted to try to earn God's love?
- 4. What does it mean to make a secondary issue a primary issue like the men from Judea? What are some secondary or even tertiary issues we tend to focus on in church or elevate to that prime spot?
- 5. It's easy for us to become insular and only think about those already inside the church. How do we balance or fit together a special care for brothers and sisters in the faith (John 13:34-35) with our mandate to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

- 1. What way does your focus most need to be realigned? What practical step of faithfulness can you take toward that focus this next week?
- 2. In January we each identified someone in 2022 we'd like to share the Gospel with. How has that been going? Have you taken any steps toward your goal? How can the group continue to pray for your efforts and that person?

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Praise God that we are saved by faith alone, and it doesn't depend on our works!
- 2. Pray that City on a Hill would reach the lost and care for our brothers and sisters in Christ without neglecting either.
- 3. Ask God for the faith to know that He loves us more than we can comprehend, and nothing we can do will ever grow or shrink His love for us.