

The Most Necessary Thing

Acts 15

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Uncharted Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

People often disagree. Do you agree? Because we all have different ideas and opinions about what matters we will often find points of disagreement even with people we love. In Acts 15, we find several examples of key leaders in the early church arguing and discussing what they consider to be the most necessary things, but what we find at the very end is that Jesus is the most necessary thing and His work of the gospel the most pressing.

REALIZE

1. Test every testimony

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 15:1-5
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What ideas about God and matters of faith do you find the most interesting and challenging?

2. Jesus passed the ultimate test

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 15:6-21
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How is Jesus' work on the cross the most important thing in the Christian faith? Why should it matter most to you personally?

3. Test "necessary things"

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 15:22-29
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How do we test biblical principles and practices in a way that is helpful and beneficial to us and others?

4. Test your motives

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 15:30-41
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Why is it important to question our own motives for behaving the way we do? How do I know when motives are tainted and uninspired by the Spirit of God?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?