

Transformation Card

This page provides an overview of the message and resources for individual and group study.

Date: Jan 08, 2012

Sermon Audio

Full Msg. Title: **The Church Faces the Issue of Circumcision**

Short Ver. Title: **The Church Faces an Issue**

Series Title*: Acts

Text: Acts 15:1-35

Key Words: Circumcised, saved, dissension, debate, apostles, elders, Jerusalem, issue

Message Outline

The Church Faces the Issue of Circumcision

- I. The **ISSUE**
- II. The **WAY** They Resolved the Issue
- III. Our Need for **HUMILITY** and **TEACHABILITY**

God's Word for Devotions

1. Acts 15:1-16:5 esp. 15:1-7a
2. Genesis 17
3. Deut 30 esp. v. 6
4. Galatians
5. Romans 2

Talk About It with Your Friends and Family

1. What was the issue? You may find it helpful to state the problem in your own words and to ask the question that is raised.
2. How severe was this problem in the minds of parties on both sides and what evidence to you see of this in the passage?
3. Why was this such a big deal to them?
4. Why is this important to us?
5. Without getting bogged down in the particulars of the arguments, what was the method employed to resolve the issue?

Memory and Meditation Verse

"When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles." Acts 14:27 (NASB)

Community Life

1. 01-29-2012 **Child Dedication** during worship service
2. 01-29-2012 **Potluck Fellowship** immediately following worship service

Next Week: Focus on Acts 15:6-12 in the context of 15:1-35.

How did Peter's words contribute to the resolution of the issue regarding the necessity of circumcision for salvation? Similarly, how did Paul and Barnabas' words contribute?