

A Message to Non-Jews

Lesson 6 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Acts 15

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **How did the early church show love and care for both Jewish and Gentile believers?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. Why do the Old Testament Civil and Ceremonial laws no longer apply to New Testament believers? (See Matthew 23:23; Colossians 2:16-17)
14. “Legalism” means seeking to earn God’s favor or salvation by obeying God’s law, and even adding man-made laws.
 - Give an example of “legalism.”

- What is the result of legalism? (See Colossians 2:8; Galatians 5:1-4; Matthew 23:23-24)
15. Agree or Disagree? The council at Jerusalem was legalistic in telling the Gentile believers to abstain from meat of strangled animals and blood.

Lesson wrap-up

How did the early church show love and care for both Jewish and Gentile believers?