

Application Suggestions and Questions, September 13, 2020
Rediscovering Church
Acts 15:1-35

Read the entire text of Acts 15:1-35 to capture the whole scene.

- Note the repeated emphasis on the church and its actions throughout the story.
- Note the four steps the church took to maintain spiritual unity that Pastor Bob highlighted in the sermon:
 - Take Seriously
 - Resolve Collectively
 - Heed Authoritatively
 - Embrace Joyfully
- *What other points from the text is the Holy Spirit impressing upon your heart, mind, and life?*

Reflect on the objective of the sermon, expressed in Ephesians 4:3.

- Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- *In what way is the Holy Spirit convicting you and challenging you to respond to this instruction?*

Consider the sermon's Applications and prayerfully respond.

- To Maintain Spiritual Unity against the Threat of Recurring Problems:
 - To whom would God have you "listen"?
 - Contact them. Prepare your heart with Colossians 3:12-14.
- To Maintain Spiritual Unity against the Threat of "Jesus + ? = Salvation":
 - To whom would God have you "go"?
 - Reach out to them. Prepare your heart with 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Reflect on your salvation experience. Secure it upon these essential Biblical truths:

- Grace Alone
 - Salvation is by the grace of God alone. Ephesians 2:8-9
- Faith Alone
 - Salvation is by faith alone in Jesus Christ. Romans 3:22-25
- Christ Alone
 - Salvation is in Jesus Christ alone. Acts 4:11-12
- Scripture Alone
 - The Bible alone is authoritative for salvation. 2 Peter 1:3, 20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16
- To the Glory of God Alone
 - As one who has been saved by Jesus Christ, you live for the glory of God alone. 1 Corinthians 10:31