

Sermon Questions

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Series: The Journey

Scripture: Acts 15:1-11

Speaker: James Allison

Title: Talk #3 – Detours

**** LIFE GROUP LEADER:** This discussion may take a turn to a bit of “church bashing” or being very critical of church. I would encourage you to let that run its course for a bit. It may be very healing and helpful for many people in your group to have a safe place to vent and share ways they have been hurt by church. It’s OK. Obviously you don’t want to end the conversation with those feelings however. You will want to end with the “So how can we change it” type questions which will change the emotion from venting to vision. If there is a lot of hurt and venting shared, it might be a great idea to stop ³/₄ way through your time and just stop to pray over peoples hurts and wounds before you get to application.

What do you think?

- Re-read together the following passages James preached through.
 - **Acts 15:1-11**
- What did God’s spirit speak to your heart from the sermon and these scriptures?
- At Grace Chapel or a different church, what sort of ways have you seen the church create barriers for un-churched, un-believing people?
 - Have you experienced the feeling of being an outsider in church?
 - Are there any ways you still feel like an outsider?
- As a group, talk about ways that you personally, maybe without even realizing, have created barriers for the un-churched, un-believing people in your lives.
- Imagine being an un-churched person who shows up to Grace Chapel one week. How do you think they would feel like an outsider? In what ways do you think you, individually or as a group, might play into that feeling they are having?
 - Do you help or hinder making Grace Chapel a friendly place through how you interact with people you may not know?
 - Do you help or hinder making Grace Chapel an excellent place through how you serve and help make it what it is?
 - Do you help or hinder making Grace Chapel an excellent place through how you give financially to keep it going and make it better?
- What do you, as an individual, need to do in order to change this paradigm from “looking in” to “looking out” both in your personal life and corporately at Grace Chapel?
- Part of the DNA of Life Groups is EVANGELISM. The leadership of Grace Chapel deeply desires you, as a group, to be praying weekly for your lost friends and family. How are you doing at this as a group?
- How do you as a group better your focus on reaching out?

****** If your group is fascinated by this topic, the best book to suggest them to read is called UN-CHRISTIAN. It’s one of the best books worth reading in our culture today.