

Home Group Discussion Guide

We Are: Collective Discerners – Acts 15

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. When you have a major life decision to make, what is your typical "go-to" process for figuring out the right path?
2. Was there a particular moment or scripture from the sermon that made you think differently about how we "do church" together?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Acts 15; Matthew 16:15-19; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 12:12-17

Consider Acts 15:1-6

1. What do we learn from Paul and Barnabas' example of not just settling the dispute themselves, but instead choosing to go to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders?
2. We are an Acts 15 style of church instead of a *Sinai church* (one person goes up the mountain alone) – what is the difference between these styles?
 - a. How is this lived out in our church?

Consider Matthew 16:15-19; Matthew 18:15-20

3. What does it mean to bind and loose things as the Church?
 - a. How does this shift the way in which we discern together what God's will is?

Consider 1 Corinthians 12:12-17

4. In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul talks of the need for how the Church is made up of different people fulfilling different roles. Why is it so important that we have different people involved in the discernment process?
 - a. What are some examples of different voices that are beneficial to us as a Church?
5. What does it look like to offer our specific skills or resources "in the name of Jesus"?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What does faithfulness look like here in Alice Springs in 2025?
2. How is God challenging you to be involved in the collective discernment for ASBC this year?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

