

INFERNO

THE MAKING OF A MOVEMENT

Study guide

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Message Title: Jerusalem Council

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This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

Bible Verses:

- Acts 15, NIV
- Romans 14, NIV

Key Points

1. If you could only give two pieces of advice to someone for godly living, right living, having a good life. What would those two things be?

How hard was it to narrow down, and eliminate good advice you could give someone to just two things?
2. **Watch The Video**

The Jerusalem Council was really dealing with 3 things:

 1. The balance of Law/rules vs. Grace
 2. Unity in the church
 3. Identity and rank of Judaism in the church

Which of these 3 do you think is most important, and why?
3. At The Jerusalem Council in Acts 15, the explicit question was, "How much of The Law (the Torah) does a non-Jewish person have to observe to be a follower of Jesus?" The underlying question - and the one they really chose to tackle - was about preserving the unity of the movement. In order for people to eat together - and eating together was VERY important - there had to be the absence of great conflict around food laws. In other words, if they didn't agree on table manners, the church would quickly divide into Jews and Gentiles again. This is why many scholars believe they picked the two regulations in the middle - abstaining from eating blood and the meat of strangled animals. The first one was about honoring God and the last one is mostly self-explanatory.

So, how important do **YOU** believe unity is to the church?

To our church?

To THE Church (churches unified together)?

How do you see unity lived out at PCC?

4. Read Romans 14 together (yes, the whole chapter). Spend some time thinking/talking about what Paul is saying here.

Pray for each other! And pray that your group, and our church, would have unity while we are also completely faithful to God!

Notes:

Greetings,

We recognize that following the teachings of the Bible can be overwhelming at the beginning of your journey towards God. So we agreed that your campus pastor would share some simple instructions rooted in the truth of God's Word. Therefore we believe you would do well to do the following things:

Be humble, watch your tongue, help others selflessly and be faithful to God and family. If you do these things, then you will exhibit the love of God.

Farewell.

Acts 15:23-29v

