Series: DNA
Passage: Acts 15:6-11
Sunday: August 25, 2024

This week we will start a new 5 week series focused on our new Values and Identity Statements. We will seek to answer the question "Who Are We?"

Acts 15:6-11 (ESV)

6 The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. 7 And after there had been
much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice
among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who
knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no
distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. 10 Now, therefore, why are you putting
God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able
to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

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1. The value we are looking at this week is grace. Define what grace is in your own words.

2. What is an example of God's grace?

3. The identity statement this week is, "we are people who receive God's grace through Jesus." Explain how you have received God's grace through Jesus in your life.

4. Read the context surrounding the passage in Acts 15:1-35. Describe the situation and conflict that the early church is experiencing. How does the concept of grace come into play in this situation?

5. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. How do these verses relate to Acts 15:1-12?

6. When did God give the Holy Spirit (Acts 15:8) to the gentiles? Why did God give the gentiles the Holy Spirit?

7. What does Peter remind them about salvation?