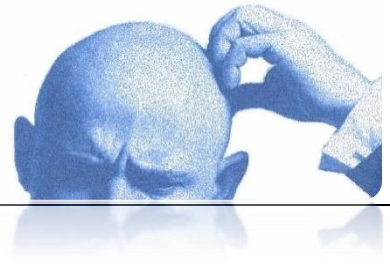


## Unity in Disagreement

# Small Group Questions

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*The following questions are intended to start conversations.*

*Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.*

Read Acts 15:5 - 11 in two or three different versions. As you read, notice if anything stands out for you.

- Have you ever been involved in a major disagreement, either in the church or in your own personal life? How did that play out? Take a few minutes to tell each other your story. Is there any "commonality" between your story and the stories others have told?
- In a worshipping community, how important is it that everyone agrees about everything? If you were to identify what the "essentials" are where agreement would be helpful/necessary, what would those essentials be?
- Can you think of an example of a non-essential that people at Varsity are not in agreement on? How might a church hold the "non-essentials" in such a way that the church isn't torn apart?
- How have you experienced being "saved by faith alone"? Are there times when you find yourself trying to do the right things so God will love you or be more "pleased" with you? Discuss whether you find it easy or hard to give healthy space to your good works.
- Spend time praying for your small group and for our worshipping community, that God would help us to live out the following encouragement from Colossians 3:12-14
- "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."