



ADVANCE CHURCH NETWORK NORTH CAROLINA

Cohort Conversations

Week of February 11, 2026: Desperate Prayer – Salvation

Connect – What’s one resource that is helping you in your personal, ministerial, or family life?

Scripture Texts—Acts 15:6-21

Pray— Read and pray through Acts 15:6-21 for 15-20 minutes popcorn style, while being sensitive to how the Spirit leads. Here’s a way to break it down:

Upward Reverence (vv. 6-21) Praise God for the grace and mercy of the Gospel, for the unearned yet unending love He has shown us in Christ.

Downward Response (vv. 6-21) Respond with repentance at the ways we have taken His grace for granted, or ways we have tried to earn His love.

Inward Requests (vv. 6-21) Pray for any requests shared or known. Pray for one another that we would live by the grace of God, knowing that we are free from sin for good works to God’s glory.

Outward Readiness (vv. 6-21) Ask God to make us bold in both our proclamation and defense of the Gospel.

Discussion Questions:

- In the Jerusalem Council, the heart of the Gospel is at stake. What is the main question being wrestled with, and why is it so important to answer it correctly?
- Why are “gospels” that require works so pervasive and persuasive? Why is our flesh drawn to wanting to work our way to God?
- How can we preach the Gospel of grace faithfully without running into the ditch of the other extreme of minimizing the call to holiness?
- How did the Jerusalem Council handle this issue? What evidence did they weigh and where did they go to ground their arguments?
- What can we learn from their response to this problem about how we should respond to challenges and maintain faithfulness to the truth of the Gospel?

Application

- Which of these extremes (earning salvation or taking grace for granted) do you feel most drawn to typically or in this season?
- Pray that we would preach the Gospel to ourselves and also preach that Gospel faithfully to others.