



## ADVANCE CHURCH NETWORK N O R T H C A R O L I N A

### Cohort Conversations

#### **Week of February 25, 2026: Desperate Prayer – For One Another**

**Connect** – What has been a recent “win” in your personal, family, or church life?

**Scripture Texts**—Acts 15:22-35

**Pray**— Read and pray through Acts 15:22-35 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. 22-35) Praise God for who He is in this passage. Praise God that He has saved a body of believers of all backgrounds united around the Gospel.

Downward Response (vv. 22-35) Respond to God’s revelation of Himself in this text. Pray for hearts that seek unity in our churches as God intended.

Inward Requests (vv. 22-35) Pray for each other and your churches. Pray that God would work through the unique challenges and conflicts in our contexts to bring us to the other side with greater health.

Outward Readiness (vv. 22-35) Ask God to make us gracious in the ways we love and serve one another in our churches, and in the ways we think about and interact with other ministries.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- While we want to love, serve, and work with one another, sometimes conflict arises. What was the heart of the conflict discussed at the Jerusalem Council, and what decision was made?
- While a Gospel of grace was affirmed, there were still certain practices the Gentiles were told to abstain from. Why were these practices chosen? How does abstaining from these promote unity in the diversity of these churches?
- When a decision was made, it needed to be made known the churches, specifically ones like Antioch with many Gentile Christians. But they didn’t send a letter only, but brothers to deliver it. Why was it wise to send brothers with the letter?

#### **Application**

- Though this was a first order issue in this passage, how can we encourage fellowship in disagreement over lower order issues in our churches?
- How can we unite as ACN churches when we may disagree about lower order issues?
- Pray that we would have unity as brothers and unity in our churches in the Gospel.