



## Cohort Conversations

### Week of January 28, 2026: Desperate Prayer – Revival

**Connect** – What is one thing you are celebrating from 2025?

**Scripture Texts**—Acts 15:1-5

**Pray**— Read and pray through Acts 15:1-5 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. 1-5) Praise God for His salvation and praise Him for how you've seen Him bring that salvation in your own life and church.

Downward Response (vv. 1-5) Respond to God's salvation by asking for a heart that sees the lost like He does, and that the joy of our salvation would draw us to go with the Gospel to see others know that joy.

Inward Requests (vv. 1-5) Pray for those you know who are far from the Lord, asking Him to bring them to salvation.

Outward Readiness (vv. 1-5) Ask the Lord for opportunities to share the Gospel, along with the wisdom to see those opportunities, and the boldness to take them.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- While studying this passage, we often focus on the negative of the disagreement. However, we might overlook the positive that sparked the whole thing. What incredible thing happened that sparked the Jerusalem Council?
- Reporting the salvation of the Gentiles along the way to Jerusalem brought great joy to the believers. Does your heart break for those who are lost and are you joyful when souls are saved? How can both joy and sorrow drive us to the mission?
- How can we cultivate and maintain both a heart of concern for lostness and a heart of joy in sharing Christ?
- The disagreement was over the inclusion of Gentiles, another culture being grafted into the tree of faith. What are some of the cultural barriers our local churches might encounter as we proclaim Christ that we should be aware of? How can we address those biblically?

### **Application**

- Spend some time praying for revival in our area. Pray for God to send laborers into the harvest, and for the harvest to be plentiful.