

AN OPENING QUESTION:

- * What motivates someone to step out in faith, even when it seems crazy?

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

- * The "Aqedah" – Genesis 22

THE BIG IDEA:

- * Sometimes, the life of faith means learning how to say _____.

THE OPTIONS IN THE MODERN ERA

1. The Land of Crippling _____.
2. The Land of Strident _____.
3. The Sacred "Middle Ground" of _____.

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION NOTES

We should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. **Acts 15:19**

1. What are the requirements of salvation? Tell your group about the evolution of your understanding about how a person is saved? Is there a list of things a person must believe or do in order to be a Christian? What do you think about that now compared to what you used to think about that?

2. What is the best description of the Christian (Gospel) message you've ever heard? If you had 2 minute to tell someone how to become a Christian, what would you say? Is there a story/metaphor Christians can tell that would give people all the information they need to know?

Instead, we should write and tell them to abstain from eating food offered to idols, from sexual immorality, from eating the meat of strangled animals, and from consuming blood. **Acts 15:20**

For these laws of Moses have been preached in Jewish synagogues in every city on every Sabbath for many generations. **Acts 15:21**

"Those four imperatives had nothing to do with keeping the law and everything to do with keeping the peace." -*Andy Stanley*

Unity requires sacrifice.

3. Have you seen any examples of the church acting in a way that does not foster unity? How can the church change this habit? If yes, tell the group about it. What can we learn from those experiences?

4. It is difficult for humans to agree to disagree or to look past behavior we disagree with. How should Christians determine which battles we should fight and which battles we shouldn't fight?

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