



LIVE - Better Together

Week 3: 'Overcome Differences'

Acts 15:1-20

The Council at Jerusalem

1 While Paul and Barnabas were at Antioch of Syria, some men from Judea arrived and began to teach the believers: “Unless you are circumcised as required by the law of Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2 Paul and Barnabas disagreed with them, arguing vehemently. Finally, the church decided to send Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem, accompanied by some local believers, to talk to the apostles and elders about this question. 3 The church sent the delegates to Jerusalem, and they stopped along the way in Phoenicia and Samaria to visit the believers. They told them—much to everyone’s joy—that the Gentiles, too, were being converted.

4 When they arrived in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul were welcomed by the whole church, including the apostles and elders. They reported everything God had done through them. 5 But then some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and insisted, “The Gentile converts must be circumcised and required to follow the law of Moses.”

6 So the apostles and elders met together to resolve this issue. 7 At the meeting, after a long discussion, Peter stood and addressed them as follows: “Brothers, you all know that God chose me from among you some time ago to preach to the Gentiles so that they could hear the Good News and believe. 8 God knows people’s hearts, and he confirmed that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. 9 He made no distinction between us and them, for he cleansed their hearts through faith. 10 So why are you now challenging God by burdening the Gentile believers with a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors were able to bear? 11 We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.”

12 Everyone listened quietly as Barnabas and Paul told about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

13 When they had finished, James stood and said, “Brothers, listen to me. 14 Peter has told you about the time God first visited the Gentiles to take from them a people for himself. 15 And this conversion of Gentiles is exactly what the prophets predicted. As it is written:

16 ‘Afterward I will return and restore the fallen house of David. I will rebuild its ruins and restore it,

17 so that the rest of humanity might seek the Lord, including the Gentiles— all those I have called to be mine. The Lord has spoken— 18 he who made these things known so long ago.’

19 “And so my judgment is that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. 20 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.

Prayer Requests



Jerome Bloom (Johnson's neighbor)
 David Hornung (Kim Carroll's father)
 Eddie Peters (Bea Burgdoerfer's friend)
 Whipple family for the passing of Judy

Virginia Hunt (Mona Nichols' great aunt)
 Housing for Zach Korff and family
 Jean Tinch - IU Health
 Eddie Kerr

**A weekly updated long term prayer list can be picked up in the lobby.



Vitals for October 8

Weekly Need: \$3,200
 Actual Given: \$1,454

Sunday School - 26
 Morning Service - 68

3 easy ways to give:

- 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
- newheightsconnersville.com/giving
- Mail to the church office

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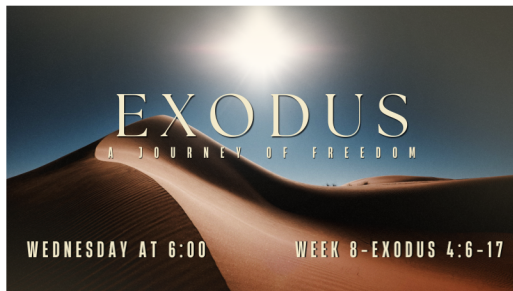
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TONIGHT @ 6:00

Be ready for the outdoor service at MVCSC!

Hoodies have been ordered.

Hoodies will be in before 10/22 or you can get them at MVCSC.

Hoodies are \$21
 2XL and up are \$24

Payment
 Turn in to Alea by 10/22



Outdoor Service 10/22 at MVCSC

3823 E 225 N, Rushville, IN 46173

Welcome Korff Family
 Service around the fire
 Pitch-in lunch

Bring chairs,
 blankets and a
 side dish



CAN FOOD DRIVE FOR COMMUNITY SHARING



TOTAL CANS: 77



OCTOBER

500 CAN CHALLENGE!
 BRING IN CANS OR DONATE
 MONEY TO BUY CANS