

*Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from July 19, 2015**  
**The Issue of the Law of Moses**  
**Acts 15:1-5**

**Observing the text**

Why was circumcision the Jewish practice that was debated in Acts 15:1-2? Why was the debate so intense?

Why was there a need to bring the issue of circumcision before the elders in Jerusalem?

Why does Luke include the report in Phoenicia and Samaria in Acts 15:3?

What are the similarities and differences between the issue raised in 15:1 and the issue raised in 15:5?

**Applying the sermon**

Have you ever experienced a vigorous discussion with someone about church doctrine? What prompted the disagreement and how did it conclude?

How should you respond when doctrinal disagreement arises?

What is your view of the Christian's responsibility to the Old Testament Law?

How well are you able to defend your view? How can you improve?

Have you known a person or a church that believed you should keep a particular Old Testament Law? How did this affect you?

Take some time to pray and give thanks for Christ and His ongoing work of intercession.