

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from August 9, 2015
The Instruction by James
Acts 15:12-21

Observing the text

Identify as many aspects as you can that are uniquely Jewish in this passage.

What was the purpose of James' quote of the book of Amos in 15:15-18?

What did James mean in 15:19 by saying "we do not trouble the Gentiles?" How are the prohibitions given in 15:20 consistent with not troubling the Gentiles?

Why did James list the four specific things to avoid, that he spoke of in 15:20?

Applying the sermon

What ways have you seen people who are seeking the Lord be troubled by professing Christians?

What can you do to help our church not trouble those who are coming to God in faith?

Why is it important for believers to make allowances for people who might be upset about our practices?

As you think about your life, when have you limited your freedom in Christ for the sake of the gospel? When have you failed to do this? Why do Christians struggle with this issue?