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*Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the brothers very glad. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses.” Acts 15:1-5 (NIV)*

### What do you do when there is an attack on unity?

1. Recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ won’t always agree on \_\_\_\_\_

2. Get the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_

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- What is the \_\_\_\_\_?
- Is this issue \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to community?

Essentials at Seacoast

- 1. The sole basis for our belief is \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. We are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
- 3. Jesus Christ died on a cross to \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. The Holy Spirit compels believers to do the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

*Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.*

*By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.*

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ*

*died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NIV)**

3. Make a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ around it.

- How do you make a decision on an essential belief?

– What is God \_\_\_\_\_?

*After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear? Acts 15:7-10 (NIV)*

*The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. Acts 15:12 (NIV)*

– What has God \_\_\_\_\_?

*When they finished, James spoke up: “Brothers, listen to me. Simon has described to us how God at first showed his concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for himself.*

*The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:*

*” ‘After this I will return  
and rebuild David’s fallen tent.  
Its ruins I will rebuild,  
and I will restore it,*

*that the remnant of men may seek the Lord,  
and all the Gentiles who bear my name,  
says the Lord, who does these things’*

*that have been known for ages. Acts 15:13-18 (NIV)*

*“It is my judgment (not thus saith the Lord), therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. “Acts 15:19-20 (NIV)*