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## ***LIFEgroup Discussion Questions***

September 4, 2016

Ruins Rebuilt to Reach the World

Text: Acts 15.13-35

1. What was the disagreement that rose up in Antioch and in Jerusalem? What were the Jewish believers promoting as qualifications for salvation versus what the apostles were? What is the key verses in Ephesians that speaks clearly how one is saved?
2. Who is James and what is he referring back to when he stands and gives his resolution to the church council in Jerusalem (15.13-14)? Then what does James turn to support his resolution (15.15)? Specifically, what does this speak about the unity of the Old Testament and New Testament scriptures?
3. What prophet does James mainly quote (15.16-17; Amos 9.11-12)? What was Amos prophesying in Amos 9.8-12? What does 15.16-18 mean in the context of the Old Testament? What purpose does God give rebuilt ruins (15.17-18)?
4. How does 15.16-18 relate specifically to Jesus coming and what God is doing through the apostles and even specifically Peter with Cornelius in Acts 10? Apply this to us. How has God taken our ruins and rebuilt them to use us to reach the nations?
5. What does James and the council decide to do to encourage the believing Gentiles and those specifically in Antioch (15.19-29)? What do they decide about salvation and what fruit do they call the Gentiles to produce and why?

**Pray.**