

THE PASTOR'S *ESSENTIALS*®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

Acts of the Apostles A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION TWELVE

Acts 15:1-16:5

Questions for Session Twelve

1. What were the teachers from Judea advocating, and on what were they basing their instructions? How well did this fit with the teachings of Paul and Barnabas?
2. How was this major disagreement in the early practice of Christianity to be settled? Where did Paul and Barnabas travel to get their answers, and with whom were they going to meet?
3. Prior to the meeting of the apostles and the elders, the Pharisees weighed in on the problem. What was their opinion?

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9. What ultimately caused a rift in the team of Paul and Barnabas? How was it settled? Who ended up leading the new missionary teams?

10. Where did Paul travel next? Whom did he meet and decide to add to his missionary team? What did Paul require of him? Why did he require this? Did this seem consistent with Paul's teaching?

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