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Sermon Title: Defining the Gospel and Defending the Church

Speaker: Richard Smith

Scripture text(s): Acts 15:1-20

- 1) How would your life be characterized as "Jesus + your performance = salvation" or "Jesus + nothing = salvation"?
- 2) Discuss what makes your life works-oriented or grace-oriented.
- 3) How does Paul and Barnabas handle the tendency of the Jews to want to put a "works" salvation on the Gentiles? How can you handle it not, just in your own life, but also in the lives of those connected to you?
- 4) What are some ways we may be living according to our works and not realize it?
- 5) Richard discussed doctrine. What did he say it prevents in our lives and how did Paul and Barnabas use doctrine to make the case for Jesus + nothing = salvation?
- 6) Richard said works insults God's grace towards us. Discuss how this is true and how the enemy uses works to cheapen God's grace.