

USC Academic Bible Study – Peter and Paul

11/21: Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 15)

11/27: Paul's epistles (Galatians 2-3)

12/4: Peter (and co)'s epistles (2 Pet. 1, James 2)

Some discussion questions:

1. What exactly is the argument in this passage about? Belief? Practice? How are those two related?
2. What does this passage tell us about the structure of the early church?
3. What can we tell about the characters of Peter and Paul from this story?
4. What was the place of the law in the early church? In the church today?
5. What is the point of circumcision? (cf. Gen. 17) Why was this so important to the Pharisee believers?
6. How does this passage stand when read next to Acts 10 (Peter's vision)?

(Next week we will take a look at Paul's account of this argument in Galatians)