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A Good Argument PART 1

ACTS 14:26-15:21 (NIV)

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After the death of Jesus, the assignment of His followers to spread the Good News of His death and resurrection was initially carried out exclusively among the Jews

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The Jewish movement to follow Jesus was not called Christianity but rather "*The Way*" from Isaiah 40:3

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Acts 8, 9, 10 records the beginning of the “Gentile Mission”

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Because The Way was seen as a progression from within Judaism, there was the belief that you had to become a Jew first and adhere to the laws of Moses before you could become a follower of Jesus Christ

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Judaizers = Jewish Christians who argued that all believers had to commit and conform to the laws of Moses in the OT – especially circumcision

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Is Christianity a religion, defined by adherence to rituals and laws, or is it a relationship with God by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone?

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Disagreements, when handled the right way,
can be opportunities to discern and
experience God in new ways

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The Power of Multiple Perspectives

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You cannot clearly discern the communal will
of God by yourself

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We discern God better in conversation than
we do in isolation

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Presence is not inclusion, voice is

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