

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

• WHO ARE YOU CHEERING FOR IN THE SUPERBOWL: EAGLES, CHIEFS OR THE COMMERCIALS?

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- The world needs a people centered in Jesus who freely disagree together.
- Read John 17:20-23. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Jesus prays for us. Is he praying for us to be unified or to have uniformity? Are they the same? What is the difference?
- Do you think Jesus' idea of unity 45,000 denominations in the world? Why or why not?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Acts 15:1-5. What is the primary conflict?
- Read Acts 15:6-21. What are potential solutions? What evidence is given one way or the other?
- Read Acts 15:22-31. What is the ultimate solution? How did they come to that decision?
- How can we be a people that seeks to make decisions that "seem good to the Holy Spirit and to us?"

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

 Lord Jesus, may we find our meaning, our purpose, our hope, our life in you. We recognize we are not a monolith and do not see everything the same. Even through our differences we seek to be shaped by you alone. As we move into a new week, may your Holy Spirit help us to see the people you love behind the various disagreements that make up our week. it is in your resurrected Savior's name we pray, Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

• For more on conflict, check out this 4-day devotional: <u>https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/17128-dealing-with-conflict</u>