



This past week was week, Pastor Chris continued his Groundswell series. His sermon was on handling conflict and how to deal with conflict.

**Key Passage:** Acts 15:1-11

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Looking back at your notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most from the sermon?
2. Pastor Chris talked about the 4 core elements of the early church in his sermon. Where have you seen the BIG C church in America get each of these areas correct and wrong? What rewards or consequences do you see from those decisions? As a reminder, here is the list of core elements of the early church:
  - a. Belief in the resurrection
  - b. Commitment to sanctity of life
  - c. Biblical sexual ethic
  - d. Focus of workplace as ministry
3. The Biblical premise that was given was that conflict not properly handled can derail gospel work. Where have you seen this happen?
4. How was the response to this conflict in this passage different from current church conflict responses?
5. Why do people have a difficult time embracing the message of grace?
6. Discuss this quote that Pastor Chris mentioned, "I've read that agreement makes us soft and complacent; disagreement brings out our strength. Our real enemies are the people who make us feel so good that we are slowly, but we are pulled down into the quicksand of smugness and self satisfaction."
7. What does it look like to practically apply the Gospel in our lives?
8. What's one personal takeaway from today's study on which you can focus this week?

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