



How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

Sermon Main Idea:

God's Spirit and the essence of His character decisively determines who we are as His people.

Introduction:

1. Do you think disagreement is good or bad? Why?
2. When have you seen disagreement and conflict in the church resolved in a healthy way?

SOAP:

Scripture | read Acts 15:1-21 and relate last week's daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What is the conflict that arises in the church? Where does it originate? (vs. 1-2)
2. Who is appointed to go to Jerusalem to help resolve the conflict? (vs. 2-4)
3. How does the church address the issue together? (vs. 4-7a)
4. Who are the main influences in the discussion? Who makes the final judgment? Why? (vs. 7-21)
5. What is the final outcome of the Jerusalem Council? (vs. 19-21ff)

Application | what can we apply to our life today?

1. Why is it that God's people can disagree about what God's will is? What can we do when it happens?
2. What do we learn about resolving conflict in the church from the Jerusalem Council?
3. How does the Holy Spirit effect the way God's people live in the world?
4. The Jerusalem Council preserved God's invitation of grace to the Gentiles (vs. 11); how does your life portray or contradict God's invitation of grace to the world in Jesus Christ?
5. How can you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your application

Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 5/8 – Acts 8:26-39 – Ethiopian Eunuch

Tuesday, 5/9 – Psalm 22:25-31 – Praise the Lord

Wednesday, 5/10 – John 15:1-17 – Vine and Branches

Thursday, 5/11 – 1 John 4:7-21 – God's Love and Ours

Friday, 5/12 – Acts 16:6-15 – Paul's Vision

Weekend, 5/13-15 – Acts 15:1-21 – Council at Jerusalem