

Week of October 22, 2023

Series: The Story, Ch. 9, Pt. 2

Sermon: When Church Gets Messy

Text: Acts 15:1-35

Sermon Outline:

Questions (vv1-5)

1. How do you become a Christian?
2. How do you live like a Christian?

Answers (vv6-35)

1. Christians should not make it difficult for people to turn to God.
2. Christians should not make it difficult for people to fellowship with them.

Discussion Questions:

Read Acts 15:1-35.

1. Last Sunday we had our 500th service! But we are not about services. We are about people. So Pastor Chip challenged us to each commit to reaching 1 person or family (*who doesn't have a church home*) to get involved in King's Cross Church. How do you feel about that challenge? Where would you start? Who would you ask?
2. Do you feel like you might have opinions about what a person should do to become a Christian that are not biblically based? If so, what are they? How did you get them? What should you do with them?
3. Do you have opinions about what a person should do to live as a Christian that are not biblically based? If so, what are they? How did you get them? What should you do about them?
4. The Jerusalem Council became laser-focused on making sure that they were not doing anything to "make it difficult" (v19) for people to either become a Christian or live as a Christian. How should you / can you make changes in your life to make it easier for those around you to become Christians and follow Jesus?
5. The Council wanted to make sure that these new believers would love their brothers and sisters well by not causing them to stumble in their faith. Therefore, the Jewish believers needed to let go of some of their expectations and the new Gentile believers needed to let go of some of their freedoms. Where might God be calling you to do one or the other?