

Growing Pains

Series – *SENT: Sharing the Hope That's Within*
– Acts 15:1-19 –

Four key principles to help us stay 'On Mission'

1. Reach Out, Not In

2. Grace, Not Law

3. Simple, Not Complex

4. Advancing Instead of Preserving

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Why do you think many churches today are not attracting the broken and marginalized with Jesus' message of grace?
3. What roles do experience, theology and practical considerations play in the decision-making process of this council? (Acts 10:14; 26:5; Gal. 2:11-21; 3:10-14; 5:1-6)
4. What is significant of the council's decision in light of Acts 1:8?
5. Is there some area of your faith where you feel like Peter—going back and forth because you are not sure of what is right? How could vs. 11 speak to this concern?
6. What "additions" to faith might outsiders sense in your Christian circles regarding what they should do to be accepted? How can you break down these barriers?
7. If God's grace is absolutely free and we cannot earn it in any way, what motivation is there to live an obedient life?

