

IT SEEMED GOOD

ACTS 15:22-35 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD

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I'll enjoy good on the other side of conflict and controversy when...leaders lead (v. 22)...communication is clear (v. 23-27)...grace and truth abound (v. 28-29)...and peace returns (v. 30-35).

GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. Because the apostles and elders managed the controversy of Acts 15 in a good and godly way, it resulted in a blessing on the other side of the crisis.**
 - Are we allowing the conflicts and controversies we face to frustrate us to the point of responding improperly?
 - Do we seek to look past our present difficulty to the blessing that will come on the other side of it, in life *and* eternity?
- 2. Without our godly leaders' courage, discernment, careful studying of the Scriptures, love for the church, and guarding of the mission, the church would be overcome by controversy, division, false doctrine, and sin.**
 - How can we pray for the elders who labour for the church?
 - Why is there such an ongoing struggle for many people to place themselves under God-commissioned elders and the Word?
- 3. Being like Jesus, full of grace and truth, should be the aspirational goal for every Christian.**
 - Which do you lean toward being more? Grace or truth people?
 - How would pursuing Christlikeness in this affect the conflicts we face whether in friendship, marriage, parenting, or in the church?
- 4. READ Ephesians 4:12. The cross gives us peace with God and with other believers.**
 - Are we seeking the Word, confronting issues, and making decisions that will result into what is pleasing to God, and best for the church and the gospel?