



What do you do when you have a problem with somebody else in church? How should a Christian address problems in church? There are no perfect churches, and there are no churches without problems. If there are people attending your church, you have problems, guaranteed! Even the early church had serious troubles.

_____ churches have problems

The key issue is how does the church deal with its problems?

Why do Church People Complain? – 1

The Problem

Change is hard, Conflict is inevitable, and Neglect happens!

At first God added to the church, now the disciples were _____

There were approximately 25,000 Christians in Jerusalem by now!

Hebrews - Most native to Palestine - Aramaic speaking Jews

Hellenists – Born on foreign soil – Greek speaking Jews

A _____ of cultures was immanent

The Hebrews began to slight the Hellenists widows

The Greek word for _____ is pronounced *gong-goos-mos*

It means to murmur. To grumble under your breath. To debate secretly

The trouble with gong-goos-mos. Problems that stew secretly can't be solved

How to Address Church Conflict – 2-4

The Assessment

Leaders should primarily be concerned with following the will of God

Spiritual Leaders should _____ themselves to the Word and to Prayer

The leader must always be meeting God in profound, life-changing ways

The Word equips and transforms the saints

A leader should delegate all responsibilities possible

We should Ask the people of the church to be part of the solution

We must seek to appoint godly leadership

#1 They must have a good _____

#2 They must be full of the Holy Spirit

#3 They must be noted for their wisdom

How to Achieve Unity in the Church– 5-7

The Solution

The churches solution to a problem should meet two criteria

#1 is it God's _____, #2 does it bring unity to the body.

Leaders should appeal to the heart of the people

The church chose seven men and all were Hellenists!

The native Christians had a majority, yet they chose unity over popularity

The Outcome – 7

The Word of God Spread

The Disciples Multiplied

Many of the _____ put their faith in Jesus

The choice is now yours, you can murmur, or you can be part of the solution. God loves it when we set aside our personal agendas and follow His will instead. When we are filled with the Spirit we bring unity to the body and growth to the church.