

GROWING PAINS

Acts 15:1-21; Matthew 11:28-30

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What stood out to you from this week's sermon? What did the Holy Spirit highlight to you?
- 2. Have you ever experienced growing pains in your life? What was that like?
- 3. Why is it a problem to *deny* what God has said in Scripture?
- 4. Why is it a problem to *add to* what God has said in Scripture?
- Why do you think it's such a common problem among God's people to add to what God has said? (For more examples of this, see Mark 7:1-7; Romans 14:1-5; Galatians 5:1-6; plus the repeated warnings in Deut 4:2; Prov 30:5-6; Rev 22:18)
- 6. Where are you tempted to add to Scripture (i.e., make the way you have encountered God or your preferences binding on everyone else)? Note: Even Peter had a relapse on this whole issue of adding Mosaic law to the gospel (see Gal 2:11-14), so look especially for areas you experience an ongoing pull that would be helpful to be mindful of.
- 7. What did you learn from the Jerusalem Counsel's meeting in Acts 15 about how to determine if something is adding to Scripture and what to do about it?
- 8. What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it?