

FRAMES MATTER • FRAME IT!

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BIG IDEA: The frame you choose shapes the life you build. A biblically faithful frame is forged by facing tension, reflecting in community, anchoring in Scripture, moving toward the mission, and embracing the Spirit's leading.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Acts 15:1,6-7,12-21,28
Amos 9:11-12

1. What are some “warped frames” you’ve experienced being used in the past to interpret conflict or culture? How did these frames affect the picture you saw?
2. In Acts 15:1–6, what do we learn about the church’s willingness to face cultural and theological tension instead of avoiding it?
3. Reflecting on verses 7–12, how has hearing someone else’s spiritual experience helped you reframe an issue you thought you understood?
4. How does the concept of “holy indifference” challenge our tendency to enter conversations needing to be right?
5. In verses 13–18, James reframes the debate using Amos. What’s the difference between letting Scripture support your view and letting it shape your view?
6. What’s a recent issue or decision where you started with your experience instead of Scripture? How would the outcome differ if the order were reversed?
7. Why is it significant that the church said, “It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us” (v. 28)? How does that reshape our idea of discernment?
8. When you think about the Spirit shaping your “seems right to me,” what does it practically look like to soak in the Word before speaking from it?

9. What’s one issue in your life right now where you need to build a better frame—one that reflects the story of Jesus, the wisdom of Scripture, and the mission of the Church?

CORPORATE PRAYER:

God, we want to be a people who frame life through Your Word. Let Your truth shape our instincts, our thinking, and our response to the world around us. We want to see the issues of our day through the lens of Your eternal story—from creation to redemption, from promise to fulfillment in Christ. Form in us a way of seeing that is not swayed by pressure or pride but rooted in wisdom, clarity, and grace.

Jesus, may Your mission define our direction. Let every frame we build reflect Your heart for the lost, Your love for the broken, and Your invitation to all. Make us courageous enough to speak truth, and humble enough to carry it with compassion.

Holy Spirit, we long for our lives to align with what seems good to You. Train our ears to recognize Your whisper. Lead us in surrendered confidence. May we be people who don’t just have opinions— but who reflect the mind of Christ in all we do.

Make this church a place where wisdom is practiced, where framing is faithful, and where the world sees Jesus—clearly and beautifully—through us. In Your name we live, we think, and we build. Amen.