

RESURRECTION  
*ONE CHURCH - TWO CAMPUSES*

# **CHURCH HURT**

**WEEK 1 - Words Can Hurt**

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## Week 1 - *Words Can Hurt*

Church hurt is defined as “a state of disappointment in the local church as a result of an offense, harmful action, or negligence”.

There is a difference between being hurt \_\_\_\_\_ church and being hurt \_\_\_\_\_ the church.

One of the main causes of church hurt is when we fail to \_\_\_\_\_ talk to and about each other.

We have to learn how to speak to one another in a manner that will not cause harm.

### **The Bible Talks About How We Communicate With Each Other In Dozens of Passages...**

**Proverbs 15:1** *A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

**Ephesians 4:29** *Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** *Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

**1 Peter 4:9** *Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

Oftentimes, when our words hurt, it is not malicious or intentional.

### **There Are Five Danger Zones That Can Cause Hurt When We Talk to or About Each Other:**

Zone 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone 5: \_\_\_\_\_

*“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone” (Colossians 4:6).*

## How Do We Avoid Causing Church Hurt With Our Conversations?

Handle People With \_\_\_\_\_ (“be always full of grace”)

- Consider the contents on the inside
- Do not impose your personality
- Learn to listen first
- Check your own approach

\_\_\_\_\_ **the Relationship** (“seasoned with salt”)

- Salt enhances the flavor when properly applied
- If what you are saying is not uplifting, encouraging, or inspiring, should it be said?
- Salt is used to preserve
- At all costs, the relationship should be preserved
- Stop assuming you are right

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wherever You Go** (“that you may know how to answer everyone”)

- Talking to people right is not reserved for the church
- You learn how to interact with the saints so you can better interact with sinners
- Your words will always be with you (Matthew 12:36)