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Title: God's Big Build – 4: Address problems properly

Reading: Acts 6:1-7

1. What do you complain about the most? In Acts 6:1, the first the leaders knew about the problem of food distribution was hearing people complain. What damage do you think this problem could have caused to the church if it hadn't been addressed? How do you react when people complain?

2. How to address problems badly!

- a. blame other people
- b. ignore the problem
- c. exaggerate the problem
- d. give up trying to fix the problem

What is the danger of each of these approaches to a problem? What might have happened if the early church had taken this approach? How does God's Big Build (for a community of people) get derailed over these attitudes?

3. How to address problems properly!

- a. call a problem a problem – Acts 6:2. What are some of the things that can separate us in the church?
- b. keep checking the plan – what is it that God wants us to help him build? How can we stay on track?
- c. confess it – is there someone you need to say sorry to?
- d. change things – unbolt the scaffolding and rebuild it. How did the apostles change things? (Acts 6:3-6) Is there something you need to change – an attitude, the way you're doing things right now, a relationship, a pattern of behaviour? How will you start to do that?

4. Is Acts 6:7 – growth in the church, growth in relationships - the inevitable outcome of addressing problems properly? If it is, what stops us doing it?

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