

Acts 6 Life Group Discussion Questions

Read Acts 6:1-7

What was actually going wrong in the daily distribution, and why was it serious enough to threaten the unity of the church?

Who were the Hellenistic (Greek-speaking) Jews and the Hebraic Jews, and how might cultural or language differences have contributed to the tension?

What do these verses show about the size and growth of the early church at this point?

Why do the apostles say it is “not right” for them to neglect the ministry of the word to serve tables? What does that teach about the priorities of church leaders?

What do you notice about the qualifications required for the seven (good reputation, full of the Spirit, wisdom)? Why are such high spiritual qualifications needed for what looks like a practical/service role?

How does the division of labor here help both “word ministry” and “tables ministry” flourish rather than compete?

How do you see the apostles handling the complaint: what do they avoid, and what do they do well?

In your experience, what are some common ways churches mishandle complaints, and how is the apostles’ approach different?

When you are hurt or see a problem in the church, what is a godly way to raise it? What would that look like in your context?

What does this passage teach about the variety of gifts and roles in the church?

How might a church suffer if everyone wants to do “up-front” ministry and neglects behind-the-scenes service—or vice versa?

Which kind of ministry (word-focused or service-focused) do you personally tend to value more, and why? How might this passage challenge you?

Verse 7 shows the word of God increasing and disciples multiplying after this delegation of responsibility. What is the connection between healthy structure and gospel growth?

Where in your church’s life do you see potential for burnout or neglect because too few people are doing too much?

What kind of people would you look for today if your church needed to appoint “the seven”? How could you help identify, train, or encourage them?

What is one concrete way you can serve this week that will support the ministry of the word and the unity of the body?

If you have time read Acts 6:8-15

What does it say about Stephen that they had to find people to lie about him?

How do you handle being lied about or mistreated?

How are Stephen and Daniel alike? Daniel 6:1-5