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Acts 6:1-7

Selecting Servants to Support the Spread

The mission of the church advances and unity is maintained when wise, Spirit-filled servants care for physical needs and free others to devote themselves to prayer and ministry of the Word.

Problem: Important Things Being Neglected (6:1-2)

Application: The Importance of
Paying Attention to the Needs of Others

Solution: Important Things Being Addressed (6:3-6)

Application: The Importance of a
Healthy, Functioning Church Structure

Result: Important Things Being Accomplished (6:7)

Application: The Importance of the
Whole Church Using Gifts to Multiply Disciples

Read through Acts 6:1-7 again.

Do you remember working to understand the plot of a story in your English class? It's actually pretty helpful in understanding Biblical narrative.

So let's try it with Acts 6:1-7...

- What is the setting?
- What is the conflict?
- What is the climax?
- What is the resolution?

Application Questions for Discussion/Reflection

Paying Attention to the Needs of Others

Notice how the Hellenists notice and speak up for their widows who are being neglected in **Acts 6:1-2**.

Whose needs have you noticed over this past month?

What steps have you taken to meet those needs or speak up for them?

Read, pray through, and obey the following verses:

1 John 3:16-18

Romans 12:13

Whose need can I attend to before the day is over today?

A Healthy, Functioning Church that Makes Disciples

In **Acts 6:3-6**, qualified people are selected to serve in specific roles to ensure that the mission of the church can continue to advance (results in **Acts 6:7**).

1 Timothy 3 contains a longer list of qualifications for elders and deacons.

Why is the bar set so high for those serving in positions of church leadership?

Please take a moment to give God thanks for our church's leaders and pray that the result of our labors would be the multiplication of disciples in our homes, in our community, and around the world.

How might our current situation help us to re-think how we make disciples?

How will you use your gifts to multiply disciples in the days ahead?