



But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent - Acts 6:1 NLT



READ

Begin by reading through the entirety of Acts 6. Commit to reading it through every day this week.



Memory Verse:

“ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.” Acts 6:7



Bible Questions:

1. Read through acts 6 each day this week, trusting that God will open your eyes to what he has for you. Sum up the events that take place in this passage:

- What is the problem facing the Church?
- What was the process for solving the problem?
- What was the solution?
- According to verse 7 what was the result of their solution?

2. In Acts 5, we saw how Sin threatened the church. Now, we see two more threats: disunity and distraction. God had a purpose for his church, and both disunity and distraction can stand in the way of this purpose. Read the following verses. Why are unity unfocused so important for the church? How can we make sure they stay unified and focused?

MISSION

- Acts 20:24
- Romans 12:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- I Timothy 4:6-16

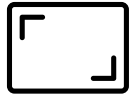
UNITY

- John 17:20-23
- 1 Cor 1:10
- 1 Cor 12:12-20
- Ephesians 2:18-22
- Ephesians 4:1-6



Reflect

- The apostles were able to stay focused because they knew what their mission was. Do you know what yours is? If not write our a prayer to God asking him to make your Mission clear.
- What things tend to distract you from what you feel God has called you to do?
- In what ways do you think the Church is threatened by distraction and disunity today?
- The apostles needed others to step up so they could continue to focus on their mission. Are you doing your part for the Church? In what ways?
- Would you say that you are more likely to serve the church, or to expect the church to serve you? why do you think this is >
- Would you be ready if God asked you to step up? The men the apostles chose were described as reputable, full of the Spirit, and full of wisdom (Acts 6:3). What do you need to do to be ready to be used?



Watch Session 6



Group Discussion

Read Acts 6.

Why is it so important for each follower of Christ to be looking for opportunities to serve?

Stephen, who started out “waiting tables,” became the first martyr for the gospel of Jesus Christ, What sacrifices would you be willing to make to share your faith?

Read Philippians 2:1-11

How is Jesus our example of service?

How can you begin to impact your church with this model of Servanthood? Your Community? The World?

Who is one person whom you feel God wants you to impact?

Challenge

Spend extended time this week praying for a mission, Once God reveals it to you, write out a mission statement and post it somewhere prominent so you can stay focused each day!



Prayer