

“Ministry Challenges”

Acts 6:1-7

Series: *In Search of Church*

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When a church grows, managing ministry focus means multiplying ministers to freely serve.

1) WHEN A CHURCH GROWS (v. 1)

2) MANAGING MINISTRY FOCUS (v. 2)

3) MEANS MULTIPLYING MINISTERS (v.3-4)

4) TO FREELY SERVE (v.5, 7)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 6:8-7:59

ABF/Small Group Guide

ICEBREAKER: If you could spend Saturday morning leading a Bible study, praying with others, or serving breakfast to widows, which activity would you choose? Why?

READ Acts 6:1-7

- 1) What qualities make for a good leader?
- 2) What was the ministry problem in our passage?
- 3) Does it appear to be accidental or intentional?
- 4) What would be some possible solutions you might propose for a problem like this?
- 5) The word deacon means servant. Considering Acts 6:1-7, how was serving necessary for the survival of the church?
- 6) In what ways is meeting physical needs a spiritual responsibility?
- 7) How did delegation help the Apostles be better ministers?
- 8) What qualifications were they looking for in the nominated servants/deacons?
- 9) Review 1 Timothy 3:8-13. In what way are the qualifications of a deacon to be exhibited by all Christ-followers?
- 10) Looking at the names of those elected, are any of them familiar biblical characters?
- 11) What was the result of adding these servants/deacons to help?
- 12) What can you do to help your church keep people from falling through the cracks?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?