



Week of JANUARY 20TH, 2019

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groups

ACTS 6:1-7 – IMPACT IMMINENT

You Can Help

“And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem...”

Acts 6:7

Warming Up

1. How do you usually deal with a problem?
 - Try to solve it yourself?
 - Seek help from others?
 - Ask God for wisdom?
 - Ignore it and hope it will go away?
 - Other?Why??
2. Read through as a group Acts 6:1-7.

Digging In

1. Why were the Hellenistic Jews frustrated?

In the Jewish world, tensions existed between the Hellenistic Jews and the Aramaic-speaking Jews; tragically these strains were brought into the church. The church began with this diversity. Acts 2:5-11

2. What do you appreciate about the Apostles' response to this tension in the early church?

In Acts 6:2, “serve” comes from the Greek word, diakonein.

3. What were the requirements for these servants of the church (vs. 3)?
 - How might those characteristics serve the young church well?
4. In verses 2 and 4, the Apostles identified some responsibilities that they believed were important for them to focus on. Why were these tasks important for the young church?
 - What does this tell you about their capacity to prioritize their time as leaders of the young church?
 - How might this be instructive for you in the ministries/responsibilities that God has given you?
5. The church selected seven individuals who all had Hellenistic names. Why might they have done that?
6. Ask Got Questions or your favorite Bible dictionary about “laying on of hands.” Why was this significant for these servants of the early church?

Living Out

1. This tension in the young church could have been devastating had it been allowed to continue. God helped them resolve it in a gracious manner. How is their approach instructive in your relationship tensions with family, coworkers or in our church?
2. Bonus points. Without looking them up, how many members of the DMGC Deacon board can you name?

Hint, there are currently 7.