

Acts 6:1-7 Seven chosen to serve Ministry inside the church

Transition:

The disciples were being multiplied and instead of rejoicing, there was murmuring because the widows were being neglected. Sound familiar? Instead of the 'pastor' doing everything, the apostles delegated this important duty to seven men of honest report, filled with Holy Ghost and wisdom.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) Do the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. What bible college did these seven men go to?
2. What were the requirements and why are these listed?
3. What was the result of this decision to appoint seven men for this task?

Fundamental:

Ministry inside the Church – the fact that ministry needs to happen inside the church shows the mountain of tasks and duties ministers are tangled with - instead of teaching the word and ministering to those outside the church. The 5-fold ministry office (Eph 4) is for the edification of the saints for the work of their ministry. As a church, where do we get these "volunteers" so that the pastor or leader can minister the word and that it might be increased?

1. What happens if the pastors/staff are expected to do everything inside of the church? What are all of the areas of ministry inside the church?
2. What is the benefit of having "regular" people serve within the church?
3. Should there be training for this? What does Scripture seem to suggest?

Homework/Challenge:

1. If you are not already doing so, find somewhere to serve at GFC.
2. Please read Acts 7 in preparation for next week.

Discipleship Tip:

Delegate responsibilities in small groups. As a leader, you must delegate if you want to have time to be an effective minister.

Prayer:

Pray to the Lord of the Harvest for more laborers in the field.