



Acts 6:1-7

The Apostles need help, so the church gets organized

Context:

- Hellenistic Jews: Jews from foreign lands who spoke _____ and lived a Greek lifestyle.

Most likely _____ after Pentecost to be a part of the church (Acts 2:5-12, especially vs 10-11)
- Hebraic Jews: _____ Jews who spoke Hebrew, and live a Jewish lifestyle.

_____ from both Pentecost and other efforts in Jerusalem
- The church: Consisted of both foreign, _____, and local Jews.

They were numbering at least _____, spread out all over town

They were being administered by _____ guys called apostles.
- The problem: At least one group of people, Hellenistic widows, who were depending on the generosity of the whole congregation, were being _____.

Potentially, this was an issue of _____ division within the church

Actually, it was a product of **distracted, overtaxed** leadership

Read Text

Good things you won't want miss in the narrative:

- The apostles did not micromanage, but _____ a solution to the congregation. (Acts 6:2-3)
- The apostles identified what _____ were called to do, and left other tasks to others who _____ into that ministry. (Acts 6:4)

3. The people _____ to their leaders, and got busy _____ what was asked. (Acts 6:5)
4. The apostles joined the process only when it _____ with their ministry. (Acts 6:4, 6)
5. Men in the church _____ as they were called. (Acts 6:5)
6. The result of this division of responsibility was: (Acts 6:7)
 - a. The Word of God _____
 - b. Many people got _____
 - c. A large number of Priests _____ to Christianity

- Why:**
- i. God's work was **on display** for everyone to see
 - ii. Satan's **intended distraction** did not distract for long
 - iii. The Priests saw the people responding to God and serving others in God's name **like they had never seen before**.

What does this mean to us? (in the order they appear in our text)

1. There is no issue within the church that cannot be _____ in unity.
2. Assigning motives or perceived issues may be a tool of _____ against the church.
3. Listening to and trusting leadership that has proven to be serving God faithfully is a _____ to a church being healthy, united, and pressing on in service to God.
4. An organized, healthy church is part of _____ plan for evangelism and discipleship.

Practical Examples:

1. Val, and then Leslie serving as children's ministry coordinator.
2. Jacobe and Gina stepping up to take the leadership of U-th Group.
3. Pammie stepping up to take leadership of AWANA.