

Acts – 8/2/26

Read

Read Acts 6:1-7 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

Examine

- The Greek-speaking Jews (often looked down upon as second-class Jews) were concerned that the Hebrew-speaking Jews were neglecting their widows. What does this concern and the response of the 12 reveal about the importance of unity in the church? Why did the apostles require that the servants be “of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom” (v.3)?
- What do v.2-4 imply about the priorities and responsibilities of church leaders? Were the apostles saying they were too good for “menial” service? How does this idea support the idea of “all hands on deck” within the church?
- Why are prayer and Scripture so integral to ministry? Why are mercy and service so integral to ministry? How do these relate to one another?
- What is the relationship between the problems of the church and its growth (v.7)?

Apply

- This passage reveals some of the growing pains within the early church. What are some of the growing pains we are experiencing or might experience in the future in our church?
- Who might feel like “second-class” members within our church? How can we pursue unity and ensure people are not neglected or looked down upon?
- How does this passage inform the way we should react to issues within the church?
- How can church members support prayer and the ministry of the word for those tasked with these responsibilities?
- How does this passage reject a consumerist attitude toward church?

Pray

Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.