

Message Notes

The Word of God Spread

Acts 6:1-7

- an extraordinary landing
- you don't have to do something extraordinary to make an extraordinary impact

#1 God often accomplishes _____ through _____.

- God's extraordinary work - **Ephesians 2:4-5**
- a problem in the growing Jerusalem church - **vs. 1-4**

#2 God's mission was never designed to be _____ by a _____.

- an important decision - **vs. 5-6**

#3 God often uses _____ to carry out his _____.

- the unlikely result - **vs. 7**

#4 When people _____ in the mission, more people _____ about Jesus.

Group Questions

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1. When do you feel like your life is making a difference?

Have you ever struggled with feeling like your daily life is too ordinary to matter?

2. The sermon suggested that we often celebrate dramatic moments while overlooking ordinary faithfulness. Why do you think we are drawn to dramatic stories and visible accomplishments?

Who is someone in your life whose quiet faithfulness has had a significant impact on you?

3. **Read Acts 6:1-2.** In Acts 6, the church's problem was actually the result of growth. What challenges can arise when a church grows?

4. **Read Acts 6:3-4.** The apostles recognized that they couldn't do everything themselves. What do these verses teach us about teamwork in the church?

Share an example of where you have seen this kind of teamwork carried out.

5. **Read Acts 6:5-7.** The seven men chosen in Acts 6 were largely unknown ordinary believers. What encourages you about the fact that God used ordinary people in this story?

Which ordinary acts of faithfulness mentioned in the sermon resonate most with you (prayer, encouragement, hospitality, serving, listening, etc.)?

6. What are some ways people can unintentionally become spectators in church or in their faith?

What does participation in God's mission currently look like in your life?

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- the unlikely result - **vs. 7**

#4 When people participate in the mission, more people hear about Jesus.

- begin with Jesus

Bible Reading for Today

Ephesians 2:13-22

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.