

WELCOME TO THE GATE HD

WEEKLY CATECHISM

CONGREGATION:

Father, We proclaim Your unfailing love in the morning and Your faithfulness in the evening. Lord, You are compassionate, merciful, slow to get angry, and filled with unfailing love. Your unfailing love toward those who fear You is as great as the height of the heavens are above the earth. Let the whole world fear You, Lord.

FIVE SMOOTH STONES

“The Book of Acts: The Power of Leadership in Challenging Conditions”
(Acts 6:1-7)

❖ **The Challenge of Growth** (vs. 1)

Growth often reveals hidden issues.

- The Perils of Rapid Growth
 - Uncertainty of Purpose
 - Fuzzy Priorities
 - A Tendency Towards Professionalism
 - Loss of Individual Significance

- Program to Divide and Conquer

“Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.” (vs. 1)

- How could the Apostles have Responded?
 - They Could Have Ignored the Problem
 - They Could Have Done it Themselves

The church is in need of people who are ...

- o Available
 - o Dependable
 - o Compatible
 - o Stable
- How did the Apostles Respond?

They started by making:

- A Declaration of Priorities (vs. 2, 4)

"So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, 'It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.'"

"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

❖ The Challenge of Leadership

- Demarcation of Leadership (verses 2 and 4)
 - Prayer
 - Preparation

- Delegation of Leadership (verses 2-3, 5)
 - In order to delegate, first they involve the entire body.
 - In order to delegate, they list the qualifications. (vs. 3)