

Small Group Guide: Growing Pains - Acts 6:1-7

Opening Prayer & Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Icebreaker Question: Share about a time when growth in your life (new job, new responsibility, family growth) created unexpected challenges. How did you adapt?

Sermon Summary (5 minutes)

This sermon explored how the early church navigated organizational challenges as it grew rapidly. Using the "1-3-10 rule" from business, we saw how growth requires restructuring. The apostles faced a logistics crisis when Greek-speaking widows were overlooked in food distribution. Rather than abandoning their primary calling to preach God's Word, they appointed seven godly men to handle the practical needs, demonstrating that both spiritual leadership and practical service are essential for a healthy church.

Key Takeaways

1. **Growth creates growing pains** - Every organization, including the church, must restructure as it expands
2. **Ministry priorities matter** - Pastors must stay devoted to prayer and the ministry of the Word
3. **Community requires shared leadership** - One person cannot do