



# **THE CHURCH'S SERVANTS DISCIPLESHIP AND DELEGATION**

**ACTS 6:1-7  
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**JESUS BUILDS AND SUSTAINS HIS CHURCH**



***MINISTRY OF THE WORD***



- The Church's Birth – Acts 1-2
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## **The Church's Servants**

*Discipleship and Delegation*

Acts 6:1-7

Pastor Jonathan



## Ephesians 4:11-12

<sup>11</sup> And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,  
<sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ



### **Acts 6:1-7**

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.



**1. Overarching and Missional View**

**2. Practical and Logistical View**

**3. Spiritual and Foundational View**



- **Addressing the Problem...** from an Overarching Missional View

*The Problem's OVERARCHING aim is to disrupt the Church's Mission of Growth.*

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### **Acts 1:8**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

### **Acts 2:41**

So those who received the word were baptized and there were added that day about 3,000 souls."

### **Acts 2:47**

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

### **Acts 4:4**

Many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to about 5,000.

### **Acts 5:14**

More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."



- **Addressing the Problem... from a Practical and Logistical View**

***The Problem's PRACTICAL issue is an unfair distribution of food due to ethnic prejudice.***

**Acts 6:1**

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.



- Addressing the Problem... from a *Spiritual View*

The Problem's SPIRITUAL issue is to distract from the MINISTRY OF THE WORD.

### Acts 6:2

<sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.



## The Ministry of the Word

Leading people from the WRITTEN WORD  
to the *Salvation, Sustenance, and Security*  
found in the LIVING WORD.



## **-Solving the Problem - *A Team Effort***

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## **-Solving the Problem – *Discipleship and Delegation***

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## **-Problem Resolved – *Evidence of Continued Church Growth***

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