

HAVE YOU EATEN?

Acts 6:1-7

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 6:1-7; Exodus 18:17-23; Isaiah 1:17; Matthew 4:1-4; Ephesians 2:14-18;

James 1:22-27; 1 Timothy 5:3-16

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. When are you most prone to get distracted from regular time in God's Word and prayer? What safeguards can you put in place to protect yourself from anything that would keep you from regular intimate time with God?
2. What growing pains have you felt most acutely in the church? How have you been prone to commit sins of speech (e.g., grumbling, gossip, etc.) in response to those growing pains? How have you strived to take responsibility to unify the church through those growing pains? (6:1-4)
3. In this message, three dangers were stated for three key roles in a church: elders can overlook (6:1), members can overtake (6:5-6, implicit), and deacons and deaconesses can "overcook" (implicit). To varying degrees, we all shepherd, co-labor, and serve, so which of these do you find to be the greatest danger for you personally in the role(s) of ministry God has given you at Crossroads, in your family, and in your community? What steps can you take to correct any area where you have slipped into one of these dangers and prevent it in the future?
4. If your closest friend, roommate, or spouse were asked what you are devoted to, how would they answer? What is one small way you can take a step toward greater devotion to God's Word and prayer? What spiritual gifts have spiritual leaders in your life affirmed in you? Do your gifts tend more toward speaking or serving? How are you serving actively at Crossroads? (6:3-4)
5. If asked, could you identify a few women or men you are in close enough relationship to that you could speak to each other's character and ability to serve or lead in the church in some capacity? If not, what is a step you could take this week to begin forming those kinds of close relationships as a context to grow in Christlike character and develop the gifts God has given you to serve? (6:5-7)

RECOMMENDED READING

Mark Dever, *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church* (Crossway, 2004).

Matt Smethurst, ed., *Deacons: How They Serve and Strengthen the Church* (9Marks / Crossway, 2021).

Alexander Strauch, *Biblical Eldership: An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership* (Lewis and Roth, 1995).

Robert H. Thune, *Gospel Eldership: Equipping a New Generation of Servant Leaders* (New Growth Press, 2016)