Sent: Complaints or Opportunities I Shadi Saleh

Life Group Discussion Questions

Reflect on Sunday's message and take time to share honestly, listen well, and encourage one another.

Acts 6:1-7

1. What needs in my community am I noticing?

2. What challenges are preventing us from reaching others effectivley?

3. How can we turn these challenges into opportunities to serve?

4 Are we willing to serve tables?

5 Will we have a place around our table for the foreigner?



Acts 6

'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. 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.

Acts 6

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

Acts 6

'These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. 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. '

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. '

Deuteronomy 10:18-19 NIV



'She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.” '

Ruth 2:7



'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. '

Galatians 6:9-10



'Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. '

Hebrews 13:15-16



'In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus. '

1 Timothy 3:8-13

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Διάκονος

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pick out from **among you** seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

Being a servant of God is different from being a servant of a human master. A servant of a human master works FOR his master, God works THROUGH his servants.

Henry Blackaby

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