



Bible study for the week starting August 28, 2022

## SHARE

1. Identify the various VOCATIONS you hold. Reminder: a working definition of *vocation* is “your calling” or “the ordinary labors of life that are charged with meaning.” (husband; mother; student; coach; friend) How is God at work through YOUR ordinary labors of life?

## READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Our lesson in Acts begins with a complaint. First, Read **Psalm 142:1-7** What is the last thing you have complained about? Do you take your complaints to God like the Psalmist? Or do you take your complaints to others? What is your experience in doing either?

How do you typically respond to when people bring complaints to you?

- a. Dismiss
  - b. Deal
  - c. Discern
2. Read **Acts 6:1-7** Do you see any current NEEDS in your community and how do you plan to respond to them?
    - a. Who do you know that exemplifies the qualities in verse 3? (reputation, Spirit, wisdom)
  3. Read a few verses to see what Christ speaking about what HE came to do. (**Luke 18:31-34; John 10:10-18; Matthew 16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19**) Rest and reflect on HIS work that been done for YOU!

## PRAY

4. Pray: 1) for eyes to see the needs in our community and opportunities to meet those needs with the grace and love of Jesus. 2) Pray your complaints and give them to the Lord. 3) Pray also for the many vocations you hold as you faithfully point to Jesus.



## The Marks of the Church: Vocation

Acts 6:1-7

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There are no perfect CHURCHES.

1) It's IMPORTANT to communicate to others that they are IMPORTANT!

3 Ways to respond to complaint:

1 DISMISS

2 DEAL

3 DISCERN

2) Sometimes your COMPLAINT turns into your CALLING!

“Calling”- aka. VOCATION - “Your ordinary labors are charged with an eternal purpose”

3) We are not called to be anyone's SAVIOR.

It's all been DONE

*For next week, read Acts 6:8-15*