

When the Old World Comes Back

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most in Acts 6:1–7 or in the message? Why do you think Luke includes this moment of failure in his picture of the Spirit-filled early church?
2. The message talks about the “old world” finding its way back into the new community—old prejudices, assumptions, church traditions, and us-versus-them categories. What is one assumption or way of seeing people that you may have inherited without ever consciously choosing it?
3. Where might you be holding onto something longer than you should? What makes it difficult to trust that God can work through someone else rather than needing you to carry it yourself?
4. Acts 6 required both kinds of faith: the apostles had to release responsibility, and other Spirit-filled believers had to step up and carry it. Which side is more challenging for you right now—letting go of something that isn't yours to carry, or stepping into something God may be inviting you to carry? Why?
5. The message ends with the idea that an honest church is willing to recognize, “This doesn't look like the people the Spirit has made us.” Where might God be inviting you—or us as a church—to bring our actual lives back into alignment with what Christ has already made true?

These questions should spark deeper reflection and meaningful conversation about the key points of the sermon.