

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

UNSTOPPABLE: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
FIRST THINGS FIRST | ACTS 6:1-7
FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Problems will arise. Acts 6:1
2. Priorities must remain. Acts 6:2-4
3. Proper leadership is essential. Acts 6:5-6
4. Progress is a work of God. Acts 6:7

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Who were the Hellenists in v1? How did they differ from the Hebrews? What was their primary complaint?
3. How did the disciples resolve the problems that arose in Acts 6? What can we learn about solving problems and resolving conflict from this example?
4. In verses 2-4 the apostles identified, planned for, and pursued their top priorities, the preaching of the word and prayer. What problems can occur when you don't identify, plan, and pursue what's most important in your life? What are some practical ways to intentionally identify/plan for/pursue what's most important in your life?
5. The number of disciples (v1) and word of God (v7) continued to increase in Acts 6 despite the problems in the church because of God's working. What sorts of things are we tempted to think we need to do for the church to grow? What does our own faithfulness look like when progress comes from God?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Share your thoughts on your current serving involvement. Some example questions to think through: Are you serving? Are you serving too much? Too little? In the right place for your gifts? Would you be willing to take on more leadership in that area? If not, why not? If so, what could that look like?
2. How are you doing at being faithful in prayer since our prayer series?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that God would be raising up servants and leaders in our church for the work of the ministry.
2. Ask God for the wisdom, discernment, and strength to know your gifts, how they could best be used in the ministry of the church, and to make the sacrifices necessary to do that.
3. Praise God for sending us the Holy Spirit, so that with His help we can worship in spirit and truth!