

From the message on April 2

SG Qs - Church The World Needs - Leadership Serves

Text Acts 6:1-7

From the Sermon

From Pentecost on, the early church experienced exponential growth. With such growth comes unavoidable challenges. In the early days of the church one of the issues is a clashing of cultures. There are always subtle distinctions—or sometimes not so subtle—between people who are worshipping. Problems come to a head when some of the widows are, unintentionally, it seems, being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the church suddenly faces cultural and language tensions within the church family. The Apostles love all these new Christians, so they quickly get on this problem. In their solution, we see themes such as compassion, unity, and the beauty of leadership—all of which are relevant to our world today.

Opening Interaction.

Ask your group...Who was the leader in your life that had the biggest impact on you?

Read the Passage and Discuss

- In this passage, what details seem important? What stands out to you?
 - What does this passage teach us about God?
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1. What was the challenge for the early church as the Christian family continued to grow? In what way(s) does our church face this challenge?
 2. Why was this issue so important that Luke added it to the major events for the church's development? What would have happened if the church handled the challenge in a different way, or perhaps even ignored it? In what way(s) does the situation teach us about watching for similar challenges in our church?
 3. In their desire to rectify the situation, the apostles did not handle the problem themselves. Instead they have the church appoint seven leaders to take care of it. Were the apostles establishing a hierarchy or priority for their tasks? If not, what were they teaching about their responsibilities?
 4. What principles do you see for the way churches should operate when challenges arise? Any principles for problem-solving?
 5. What requirements were given in choosing The Seven to serve? Why were those requirements necessary for this task? In what ways do we learn about the character of leaders for various responsibilities in the church today? How can you identify those qualities in a person? Even more importantly, evaluate and share how you're doing with those qualities.
 6. The sermon on Acts 6 taught about the beauty of leadership. How can leadership in the church display the gospel to both members of the church and guests to the church?
 7. What are the results of good gospel-oriented leadership? How can we highlight those results in the church today?

Things to Know

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