

STUDY GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

LEAVING YOUR COMFORT ZONE | ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

ACTS 6:1-7

Note to Leaders: Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?

1. Read Acts 6:1-7.
2. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
3. If time allows, look ahead at the "Digging In" section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE

1. Describe your "comfort zone" in one word. If you need to, go around the group a few times.

DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE

"Who me?" Thinking about our Spirit-enabled abilities.

1. Read Acts 6:1-7. What are the growing pains they're facing? What's the solution?
2. Paul helps us understand how God has specifically wired you to play a part in what He's doing in the world through the church in 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 and Romans 12:4-5.
3. Talk about how you see these principles play out in the Jerusalem church. Have you seen how these work in the church today?
4. Have you ever thought about how you have been uniquely wired to contribute to the church? Reflect with the group and take the opportunity to affirm one another.

"It's not about me" *Building on the foundation of Christ's humility.*

1. Read Philippians 2:1-10.
2. Describe humility in your own words. How is this story different than our culture's obsession for fame and recognition?
3. What happens in the church when we don't build on Jesus' foundation of humility?
4. Read ahead to Acts 6:8. What would it have been like for a guy like Stephen to "wait on widows' tables?"
5. How does this picture of humility stir your heart?

BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

Personal Reflection

Where do you feel God nudging you out of your comfort zone?

Group Application

Who is getting "neglected" in the church today? Pray that God would raise up leaders to take responsibility.

DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK

1. Are you ready to discover your design for ministry? Sign up for a free, two-week class [here](#) (Sundays, October 18 & 25 | 6-8:30 pm; childcare offered).
2. The entire book of Acts takes about 2.5 hours to read. Challenge a friend to get all the way through it this week! Not much of a reader? Check out this [free audio version](#) from Bible Gateway.