

God's Method Requires Identifying, Equipping, and Empowering Others for Service

Acts 6:1-10

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2. Jesus' message calls for changed hearts that respond by faith, repentance, and baptism (Acts 2:32-47; 20:20-21).
3. God's mission and message bring increasing _____, a diversity of people, and tangible _____ that all require attention (Acts 2:41,47; 5:14; 6:1).
4. Increasing the _____ workload would decrease the effectiveness of the overall mission (v.2; Ex. 18:13-27; Deut. 1:9-18).
5. God's method requires that qualified _____ be identified (v.3).
6. Devotion to Christ's mission, mandate, message, and method result in _____ essential ministries (v.4-5)
 - 6.1. _____ from a kneeling position.
 - 6.2. _____ (Acts 2-5)
 - 6.3. _____ (Acts 5:42)
 - 6.4. _____ (Eph. 4:11-16)

7. God's method results in _____ servers (v.5-6) which:
 - 7.1. Increases the _____ of the mission (v.7).

**** Before you leave today, would you please take 7 minutes to fill out "An Invitation to Engage . . ."?**

- Your input communicates who you are to the Leadership team without obligating you to anything at this point.
- Based on your input, you will later be invited to consider serving opportunities that are likely to fit you.

- 7.2. _____ others to be used mightily of God (v.8-10; 7:1-60).

Applying God's Word to Life

- 1) Describe a group, team or organization that you enjoyed. What did you like about it?
- 2) What was your role in the group, team, or organization? What were you working together to accomplish?
- 3) In what ways has Christ's message captured your heart?
- 4) To what degree are you personally compelled by Christ's mission and mandate (Acts. 1:8)?
- 5) What are some of your passions, gifts, or things you have a heart for concerning the body of Christ?
- 6) As you think about Christ's mission and the body of Christ, what are some things that would likely be neglected if you did not do them?
- 7) When you consider your time, talents, passions and gifts, what are some things that you would be wise to allow others to do instead?

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6. Devotion to Christ's mission, mandate, message, and method result in **prioritizing** essential ministries (v.4-5)
 - 6.1. **Leadership** from a kneeling position.
 - 6.2. **Evangelism** (Acts 2-5)
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