## **GRAPPLING WITH GROWTH** DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ACTS 6:1-6



1 It is interesting to note that the word for ministry (diakonia) appears four times in (Acts 6:1-6). For that reason, many scholars believe this passage describes prototypical deacons.

릗 List and explain the characteristics men needed in order to be appointed to this work of serving the church...

What can we learn from the Jerusalem church about how we should care for needy members?

Q Is outsourcing (hiring others outside the church) a valid option? Why or why not?

3 According to Acts 6:1-6, what reason did the apostles give why they should not be directly in charge of caring for the needs of widows?

🗱 Can you name the enemies of single-mindedness in pastoral ministry?

Ŷ What are one or two ways you can help your pastors stay focused on their calling?

What did the apostles consider to be their highest priority? Was it the right priority for them? Explain your answer.

Q Were the apostles "too good" to serve tables? Explain you answer.

♥ What are your top priorities? Do you think you have your priorities in order, or is it time to reorganize them?

5	Why is it important for serva	nts of the church (prob	ably later known as deac	ons) to be wise and spiritual?
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6 As the Jerusalem church resolved its problems according to God's will, what happened to its growth?

What observations can you make about the conversion of priests (see also Acts 4:1).

Do you know your own boundaries when you are asked to be part of some ministry?

A Based on Acts 6:1-7, is it okay to say no when your plate is already too full or when saying yes will take you away from other responsibilities?

♀ If you are being overwhelmed by ministry, is it right NOT TO ASK others to assist you?

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

8	<b>Read</b> . What does this passage tell us about the church body? Does this shed light on what roles in the church body are more or less important? Explain.	
	Are you fulfilling your role in the church body?	
9	<b>There is a phrase that says, "You can be part of the problem or part of the solution."</b> Which part do you tend to be? Why? Are you satisfied with the "part" you play? Is there anything you need to change?	