

WEEK 12 BIBLE STUDY

Read: Acts 6:1-7

In this short passage, we find the institution of the office of deacon, which means “servant of the church.” Seven godly, full of the spirit, reputable, wise men are selected by the church and commissioned to meet the physical needs of the church. Apparently, some Greek speaking Jews that had converted to Christianity were not getting the care they needed. So, new leaders were brought up and given the responsibility of making sure their needs were met. Raising up new leaders and delegating responsibility demonstrated great leadership and is important for any growing organization to remain healthy and multiply. However, the apostles’ reasoning for this is not simply because they were tired and needed someone to share the workload. The impetus behind this is the centrality of the Word of God. They delegated the role of meeting the needs of the people so that they themselves could prioritize prayer and preaching. Notice what happens as a result of this. Verse 7 says, “the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly.” When new leaders are raised up and the Word remains central, the people of God grow.

SOS:

Answer the following questions

What do these verses SAY? _____

What do I need to OBEY? _____

What can I SHARE? _____

Next Steps: Go

Taking ownership of needs and delegating responsibility are crucial. Examine your level of service and answer below:

1) God is calling me to serve in _____.

2) The task(s) I can delegate or share for the purpose of raising up another leader is _____.

3) That person I will raise up is _____.

Pray for your ONE!