



Study Guide
Sunday 4th July 2021
Acts 6

Please read Acts 6.1-6

1. How does the issue of imperfect food distribution to widows become a potentially divisive problem for the whole church community?
2. How do the apostles deal with the issue and avert the problem?
3. What criteria is recommended in choosing the new leaders for the food distribution ministry? What can we learn from this for our church ministries?
4. Why was it important that the apostles didn't neglect their own priority when addressing the issue at hand?

*A famous proverb based on the story of the book of Acts goes as follows: "The Lord adds, and sometimes he even multiplies. On occasions he subtracts (Acts 5 Ananias and Saphira), but he never divides – that's the devil's work. **Please read also Proverbs 6.16-19.***

5. What can we learn for ourselves and our own church community from this episode in Acts 6? How can we positively handle issues that will inevitably arise in a culturally diverse and imperfect church community?

Please read the summary statement in Acts 6.7

6. Why is it significant that priests are now counted amongst the believers?

Please read Acts 6.8-15

7. The great wonders and signs performed among the people by Stephen resulted from him being full of the Spirit's grace and power - despite him not being an apostle. How does this encourage you in how God can use you in supernatural ministry regardless of your office or role?
8. *"Whenever the light is switched on, bugs are attracted to the light."* How do we see evidence of this truism being played out in brutal spiritual reality in this passage? And what's your own experience of this phenomena in your own life?

Please pray for God's protection and blessing over our church family as we grow.