



March 19, 2023
Acts 6

Intro: The power of the word of God

Hebrews 4:12

Priorities & Servants

Acts 6:1-7; Exodus 18:24-25

Trials

Acts 6:8-15; Luke 21:15; Matthew 5:11-12; Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 16:27-31; Ezekiel 36:25-27; Ephesians 2:8-10

Action items

Questions for the Community

Personal Reflection

1. Read Hebrews 4:12. When was the last time the Word of God has touched your life? Sharing with the group is encouraged.

Group Discussion

2. Look back at your life. How has God grown you into the capable person you are today?

Read Acts 6:1-7

3. What stands out? How is God getting the church ready for what's ahead?
4. The apostles made a choice to focus on teaching the Word of God and prayer. What are some implications to the church and to your own life? Does their decision mean we should neglect helping those in need?
5. *This is the most important question this week:* Look at "Plan of Action" below. Discuss how you can make that action a reality for your life and how you can take a first step in that direction this week. Share practical steps you will take this week, for yourself specifically. Be sure to pray for strength and seek accountability.

Read Acts 6:8-15

6. What stands out?
7. What kind of debates do you tend to get into on behalf of Jesus or Christianity? In light of this passage and Sunday's sermon, are you engaging in the right kind of debates? Explain.
8. What are the parallels before Exodus 34:29-35 and this section of Acts? How do different people groups react? What are the similarities and differences?
9. Why aren't the people Stephen is speaking with converted to follow Jesus, given he was clearly correct and God showed a clear sign? Read Luke 4: 16:27-31 and Ezekiel 25-27 to help with your answer. Share any other insights from these scriptures.

Plan of Action

10. Read the Bible six out of seven days this week. At least one time, sit with one short passage for at least 5 minutes, reading, praying over it, and re-reading it. Let the Word of God and prayer touch your life.