

“Unfinished”
Acts 6
Sermon date 4/26/2026

Ice breaker

- 1) What’s something you enjoy doing that others might find stressful or difficult?

Unpack It

What stood out to you from Sunday’s sermon and why? What was a takeaway or something that left you wondering about?

Looking Back

The early church in Acts was experiencing rapid growth following Pentecost. As the number of disciples increased, so did the complexity of meeting practical needs within a diverse community. In Acts 6, a conflict arises between Greek-speaking (Hellenistic) Jewish widows and Hebrew-speaking Jewish widows over the daily distribution of food. This wasn’t just a logistical issue, it reflected cultural and linguistic tensions within the early church.

The apostles respond by recognizing both the importance of caring for people and their primary calling to prayer, and the ministry of the Word. Rather than trying to do everything themselves, they invite the community to select qualified leaders, men full of the Spirit and wisdom to oversee this ministry. This moment becomes a turning point: responsibility is shared, leadership is multiplied, and as a result, “the word of God spread” and “the number of disciples increased rapidly.”

Diving In

Read together: Acts 6

Diving Deeper

- 1) How do the apostles balance spiritual priorities with practical needs in this passage?
- 2) What qualities do the apostles look for in the seven chosen leaders, and why are those significant?
- 3) The apostles say it would not be right for them to “neglect the ministry of the word.” What does this reveal about calling and focus?
- 4) If you were part of this early church, which role would you most relate to, the apostles, the seven, or those being served and why?

- 5) Where in your life might God be inviting you to step into serving others in a new or deeper way?
- 6) Are there areas where you may be holding onto control instead of trusting others to step in?
- 7) What would it look like for you to prioritize both spiritual growth and practical love for others this week?

Closing It Out With Prayer

1. Thanksgiving: Each person shares one way they've seen God at work (in their life, church, or others), then thank God together.
2. Surrender & Alignment: Invite each person to share one area where they feel stretched, overwhelmed, or unsure of their role. Pray for clarity, humility, and trust in God's design for the body.
3. Empowerment for Ministry: Pray specifically for one another to be filled with the Spirit, wisdom, and courage, just like the seven in Acts 6. Ask God to multiply impact through shared ministry in both the group and the church.
4. Optional Closing Prayer:
"Lord, thank You that Your mission was never meant to rest on a few, but to flow through many. Help us to see where You are calling each of us to serve. Give us hearts full of Your Spirit, wisdom to act, and unity as we walk together. Let Your Word continue to spread through our lives. Amen."