



For The Church || Week 1 || November 1, 2020

What do you think matters to God? List some things that come to mind.

Read **Acts 6:1-7**.

*NOTE: The following definitions will be helpful in better understanding this passage. The **Hellenists** were Greek-speaking, Jewish Christians that lived outside of Palestine. The **Hebrews** were native Jewish Palestinians that spoke Aramaic.*

Describe the setting of this passage. What issues surfaced within the church in Jerusalem? What seemingly contributed to their problem?

How did the church resolve to right this wrong? List some of the positive results of their actions.

Based upon what you see in this passage of Scripture, what are some things God values and desires to see in His church? Explain your answer.

How can we tangibly make these same things that matter to God matter to us? Answer personally, but also consider the corporate, church-wide implications as well.

Read **Acts 6:3** again, as well as **1st Timothy 3:8-13**.

What qualities and characteristics are necessary for one who serves in the church office of deacon? Why do you think these qualifications focus more on character than duties and tasks? Explain.

Of the above traits, in which of these would you most like to grow? Explain.

EXTRA: If you are going over these questions with your family or small group, take turns sharing at least one specific quality or characteristic you see in each member of your group.

Now compare the qualifications for deacons in **1st Timothy 3:8-13** with the qualifications given for elders in **1st Timothy 3:2-7**. How are these lists alike? How are they different?

How does the spiritual health and order of a local church help establish and protect the witness of the church to world?

What most personally encourages and/or challenges you about this passage of Scripture? Why?