

## **Bible Summary - Acts 6:1-7**

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The Church overlooks a group of marginalized widows who begin to complain about their situation. The leaders respond brilliantly by listening, evaluating their priorities and giving the congregation control and opportunity. The overlooked group is able to pick some men from their own culture to oversee the distribution of help for the widows. The results are that the church increases, God's word goes out and the priests see this and believe in Jesus.

Scriptures: Acts 6:1-7; Matthew 18:15-20; Proverbs 14:4; Romans 8:28

## **Bible Questions and Application**

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** question listed.)

1. When conflicts arise in your life, do you believe you address them transparently?
  - a. What personal roadblocks keep us from dealing with conflict in a way that lines up with scripture? Matthew 18:15-17
2. The 12 apostles knew that God had called them to a ministry of prayer and the teaching of the word. What ministries has God called you to in the church presently?
3. Having priorities can make the decision making process easier. Because the 12 apostles knew their priorities, it kept them from getting off track. Can you give an example in your life where you have set something aside based on your priorities?
4. In Acts 6 the entire church met and they recognized some great qualities in 7 men. What are some character qualities you see in the people around you tonight?
5. In Acts 6:5 all 7 of the men were recognized as being full of the Holy Spirit. What makes someone look like they are full of the Holy Spirit?
6. Like the early church, Edgewater has its share of problems. What could you do personally, or as a community group, to be a part of the solution?
7. Spend some time praying for Edgewater's leadership in your group and in the coming week.