

DEVOTED TO PRAYER AND THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Acts 6:1–7

Key Verse: 6:4

1. What problem does the author describe (1)? What does it tell us about this Christian community? Why is such a conflict serious?
2. To address this problem, who is gathered, and why (2a)? What do the twelve say (2b)? What does it mean to preach “the word of God”? Why do they need to focus on this?
3. What solution do they propose (3)? Who would “pick out” the candidates, and why do they need to be “of good repute” and “full of the Spirit and of wisdom”? Why do the twelve need to “appoint” them? What can we learn from this?
4. Read verse 4. Why are prayer and the ministry of the word both so vital? What does it mean to “devote” oneself to them? How can we put this into practice?
5. How was this proposal received (5a)? Who are chosen, and how are they described (5b)? What do they do with these men, and what does it mean (6)?
6. What results from this solution (7)? In what ways is this event a good example for us?