

Discussion Questions for “The Unstoppable Gospel: Deacons”

Acts 6:1-7, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of July 25th & 26th, 2026

Sermon Outline

The deployment of deacons displays:

1. The challenge of church growth (v. 1).
2. The problem of partiality (v. 1).
3. The priority of preaching (vv. 2-4).
4. The divvying of duties (vv. 3-6).
5. The multiplication of ministry (v. 7).

Sermon Questions

1. Icebreaker: Can you think of a lesson you learned from a teacher or parent that didn't seem so useful when you were growing up, but totally does now?
2. Have you ever experienced the challenge of church growth in a big or small way?
 - a. Did it tempt you to be bitter?
 - b. Why do we want to see ministry multiply, even though it will bring difficulties?
3. Why is partiality so dangerous? That is...
 - a. Why do the Apostles address it so swiftly in here in Acts 6?
 - b. Why does Scripture condemn it so plainly in James 1:27-2:1?
4. Read Acts 6:2-4 alongside Romans 10:14-17 and Colossians 1:28-29. Why do you think God has chosen to make *preaching* so important in the Christian life?
5. The Apostles wisely divvy up ministry duties in today's passage with the deployment of the first *deacons* – a word that means *servant*.
 - a. What gifts and talents has God given you that you can use to serve God, the local church, and your community? (Take some time to encourage each other, here! We *all* have something to offer!)
 - b. If you're not actively using them, where might you do so in the year ahead?
6. The priests are unexpected converts in verse 7 – for their colleagues and bosses have been actively persecuting Christians!
 - a. Who in your life, if they came to Christ, would be unexpected?
 - b. Pray for that person before your LIFE Group wraps up today.
7. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?