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NORTH METRO CHURCH

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“SERVE SELFLESSLY”



Discussion Questions:

How would you answer the following question: What's the point of the church?

When working as part of a team, do you prefer to "do the work" or to lead and coordinate others?

Read Acts 6:1-7

What problem arose in the early church regarding people's needs?

The leaders took the complaint seriously enough to do something about it, how do we respond when conflict arises? How should we respond?

What solution did the Apostles offer? Why didn't they volunteer to be the solution?

The seven men chosen (later called deacons, meaning servants) were "well spoken of and filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom" (vs.3). In addition, Stephen was a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit (vs. 5). Those qualities sound more spiritual than practical. Why are those qualities needed in ministering to people of the backgrounds where there's tension and jealousy?

Did the problem of Acts 6:1-6 stop the growth of the church? If the problem had not been resolved, would it have stopped the growth of the church? Are there any lessons for today?

What is or has been your attitude toward spiritual gifts? a.) For pastors only. b.) For all believers. c.) For mature believers. d.) Those were for Bible times. e.) I've never really had a clear understanding of spiritual gifts.

Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts test? If so, what were the results? If not, would you take a test by going to www.spiritualgifttest.com?

How else can you learn more about what your spiritual gift is? How do the following questions asked by Rob help you discover your spiritual gift?

- What are my passions?
- What opportunities lie before you to use your gifts?

In addition to meeting needs and helping the Word of God spread, Rob said that nothing helps us grow as a follower of Jesus like serving. How have you witnessed that in your own life?

Do you see the connection between how God has gifted you and how you can influence your world? In what ways are you using your gifts to influence your world?

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there one thing you'd especially like to remember this week?