

The Danger of Distraction, Acts 5:42-6:7

Growth Group Questions

Read Acts chapter 5 verse 42 to chapter 6 verse 7 and pray that God would be at work by his Spirit during your time together.

1. If you had to put yourself on a scale from 1-10 (1 low, 10 high) to show how confident you are that God is growing his church where would you put yourself?
2. Remember Acts is Luke's second book (his first being the gospel of Luke). Book 1 looks at all Jesus began to do and teach. By implication Acts then looks at all Jesus is continuing to do and teach. It's a great book to look at to give us confidence that God will grow his church. We've seen it tells the story of the unstoppable growth of the early church. Look up the repeated phrase in these passage:

Acts 6:7, 12:24, 13:39, 19:20

3. But there are pressures on the church from outside and inside that will impact it's growth and effectiveness. Acts 6 looks at internal pressures that will damage the growth of the church. Before having read and looked at Acts 6 what would you have said are some of the pressures from within the church?
4. What answer does Acts 6 give? Does this surprise you? Have you seen examples of this being true?
5. Caring for the poor and ministry of the word (that's Bible teaching) and prayer are both important. What solution do the apostles put forward to ensure both happen?
6. We are looking to set up teams and team leaders for the many ministries within the church family. Why do you think this is important? If you're currently part of a team pause and spend some time in smaller groups praying for your team. If you're not yet on a team do pray about what you might get involved with and chat to us.
7. Have a look at verse 7 – what's the result when everyone is playing their part? Don't miss the important first word of verse 7.