

Home Group Questions

The week of 4/5/2020

Acts 6:1-7

PROBLEM SOLVED!

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his study of Acts as we studied the first part of chapter 6. A problem arose between the Hellenistic and Hebraic Jews over the distribution of goods...and the church handled the problem magnificently.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. **Read 6:1-7.** Here's a chart with the heart of the problem outlined:

- **Hellenistic widows – Jewish widows who were raised in a Greek culture.**
- **Hebraic widows – Hebrew widows who were raised in a Jewish culture**
- **Hellenistic widows felt they were being unfairly treated in the distribution of food.**

- Discuss as a group some of the feelings that may have been a part of this struggle? What do you think the Hellenists could have been thinking about the Hebrews with their widows being neglected? What could the Hebrews have thought about the Hellenists when it came to their complaint?

2. **The sermon highlighted 6 factors in solving problems. They were:** (Read through these 6 factors and discuss how you see them...and perhaps other principles...from the text. Which do you think is the most difficult step or factor in this process and why? Read any passages that are listed with the factor and discuss those passages.)

1. **Stay focused on the problem without getting defensive!** Acts 6:1

2. **Prioritize the Word of God!** Acts 6:2; Colossians 3:16

3. **Utilize gifts that are in the church to solve and avoid problems.** Acts 6:3-4; Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4; 1 Peter 4

Ask each person in your home group what they believe their spiritual gift(s) is:



4. **Support the consensus decision of godly church leaders!** Acts 6:5a; Romans 13:1-7

5. **Involve the body in the day to day details of the solution.**

(Define, Decide, Delegate, Do-it, Debrief) Acts 6:5b

6. **Get behind the efforts of the those who are serving in the "trenches".** Acts 6:6-7

MOVING FORWARD...

Pray that the world would be free from this virus impacting so many lives and the work of the church. Pray that we can be a positive force in solving problems with God's wisdom!