

# Hope City Church

Going Deeper Notes | 08.07.22

Acts 6:1-7

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Hope City Church!**  
**Great Things Happen When We Get Together!**

**Icebreaker:** What has been one of your most memorable birthday gifts? Why? Now, who is someone who does not think anyone sees them in a difficult season of their life, someone that you would like to surprise with a special gift that would encourage them? Have you gotten to know that person in a way that would make that gift personal for them? Make time to reach out to them and listen for clues on how you can bless them in a meaningful way this week.

## Going Deeper:

- 1) What is going on in Acts 6:1-7 (p. 834, Life Transformation Bible) and how is that inhibiting the work that should be a priority for the twelve men that were entrusted with sharing the Good News about Jesus? What are some of those good things that might need to be addressed in our own church that may be limiting our resources from doing the one thing God has for us in this season?
- 2) Often times the problems we face in life feel like they are forcing us to choose whether or not we will do this thing or that thing. Sadly, it would be easy to become overwhelmed by having to make a decision, thus forcing us into a place of paralysis and doing nothing at all. In Acts 6, we read about some of the needs that could have been neglected if the "twelve" did nothing at all. In your life, what decisions are you needing to sort through in order to be fully focused on what God actually wants you to do right now? Where are you paralyzed, so to speak? Who can help you talk through your next steps? Ask God to give you the wisdom to know what you need to do and His timing to act on what you believe He is leading you to do.
- 3) Describe the process that the "twelve" worked through in order to come up with a solution for their problem in Acts 6:1-7. What was the outcome that they experienced together in Acts 6:7? Take a moment to dream about the future. What do you believe God wants to do in your heart and through your life once you become more intentional with those decisions that are in front of you right now? What's at stake if you do nothing?

**Action:** Please pray with us for the development of the leaders that we have so we can start another church in our community that will replicate the work God wants to do in our city. Pray for the place where that would happen and the team that would be a part of this new church.

A practical, first step towards birthing a new church is getting a group of friends together to start a small group or a community group. Join us on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm in the café at Hope City to learn more about what it means to be a part of a community group.

Also, make time this week to reach out to that person that you thought about from the icebreaker question and find a meaningful way to bless their socks off! God is inviting you to be a blessing to others!

**Prayer:** God, thank you for inviting me to join you in what you are doing in our community and through our church. Help me to see creative ways that I can be a part of helping to meet the needs of people that you are placing in front of me each day. Where I am feeling paralysis, help me to see what you are leading me to do and give me the courage to act so I can complete the work you have given me to do, Jesus. Amen.

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