



a New Community

ACTS PART 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE CHALLENGE OF GROWTH

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Acts 6 marks a high-water mark for the early church's growth. Despite repeated persecution and significant obstacles, the church continues to experience a rapid expansion. Yet, the growth requires a change in how the church functions.

Read & Discuss Acts 5:42-6:7.

- How has your vision of the church changed throughout your time as a Christian (see quote below)?
- Where did these Greek speakers (Hellenistic Jews) originate (Acts 6:1)? (see Acts 2:5)
- How were these challenges resolved, and what are the larger lessons for the church today? (see 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 4:12).
- What is the most satisfying, spiritually enriching area of ministry you've experienced as a follower of Jesus?
- Is there an area of ministry or service you would like to pursue if the opportunity opened up for you?

“Those who love their dream of a Christian community more than the Christian community itself become destroyers of that community even though their intentions be earnest and sacrificial.”
(Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

Pray Together

Holy Spirit, make the truth of the Gospel more real to my heart so that I might be a more generous person to those around me.