

Questions To Go Deeper



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Scripture passage: Acts 6:1-7

Questions for facilitator:

- 1) What are the central tasks of the apostles in this passage?
 - a. What practical role do you see the deacons serving in this passage? How does it complement the tasks of the apostles?
- 2) Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13. Note that the first set of qualifications are for elders, but there are similarities in the qualifications.
 - a. Thinking practically, why would all of these qualifications be helpful in what a deacon is called to do in the church?
 - b. Are there any qualifications that stand out as odd or maybe you never connected to the office of deacon?
 - c. How do the qualifications help point to the main purpose deacons are to fulfill?
- 3) When you think of the idea of serving, what Scriptural ideas or passages come to mind?
 - a. Can you think of how considering those ideas and passages could be helpful to understanding the purpose of deacons?
Note: The word “servant” and “deacon” are the same exact word in Greek (the original language the New Testament was written in). The word is “diákonos”.
- 4) Think of all the important things that need to happen for a church body to successfully fulfill its mission. Be very practical. Name all of the things that fall outside of the ministry of the word and prayer that come to mind.

Catalyst Time (how can this passage direct our focus outward?)

If deacons are effectively performing the function of deacons, how is the church freed up to look outside of its walls for ministry and evangelism?