

Potential Division Turns to Growth

Acts 6:1-7

I. Introduction and Review

“Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common... There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.” - Acts 4:32, 34-35

<p>The BIG Idea: When God's People have God's Priorities His Church Fulfills His Purposes.</p>

II. The Priority of the Pastor (v. 2- 4, 6)

A. Leadership (v. 2-3)

B. Prayer (v. 4, 6)

C. Preaching (v. 2, 4)

Colossians 1:28-29 "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. **29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."*

Ephesians 4:11-13 “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...”*

III. The Priority of the People (v. 3, 5)

A. Quick to Serve (v. 5)

B. Heart Positioned for Service (v. 3)

C. Support of Leadership (v. 5)

IV. The Purposes of God (v. 7)

A. The Word of God Increasing

B. Disciples Multiplying Greatly

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
—Acts 1:8