



# Oakwood

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## CHURCH

## December 13 Discussion Questions

### “Unstoppable Service”

#### Acts 6:1-7

#### **Preview**

*It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” Acts 6:2b-4*

**MAIN POINT:** Considering the many needs of the church, God expects all believers to serve.

#### **Three ways we should serve the church:**

1. We should all serve **faithfully**. (v.1-2)
2. We should all serve **intentionally** (v.3-4)
3. We should all serve with a **godly character**. (v.5-6)

*And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. Acts 6:7*

#### **Connect**

1. Have you ever built something incorrectly and needed to undo your work and start again? Why do you think this happened? How did it make you feel?
2. What is something important you tend to neglect or forget about?

#### **Read Acts 6:1-7**

## ***Discuss***

3. What did the early church neglect in our passage? Why do you think that is?
4. What is our primary inclination for service - ourselves or others? Why is that the case? What promises does Christ offer if we choose to submit to His leadings?
5. What pressure did the apostles feel in the midst of this issue? Why would this be an unhealthy solution?
6. What solution did they decide upon? Why is it so important for people to serve in the church according to their spiritual gifting?
7. What happens when someone is not serving in their gifting? Can you recall a time when this happened to you? How did you feel and what did you do?
8. Are you surprised by the attributes listed for the deacons chosen in this passage? What does this tell us about God's highest priorities for our service to others?
9. How did God bless the early church's decision to deal with this in-house issue? Can you recall a time when God blessed your family, a friendship, or your church because you chose to deal with an in-house issue?

## ***Apply***

10. To what degree does obedience to Christ motivate your service to others? To what degree does your feeling of fullness motivate your service to others? Is one more important or mature than the other? In what way are they connected?
11. What would you say your spiritual gift(s) are? How do you know? What ministry or way of serving others aligns with your gifting?
12. How do you think your service to others would change if you grew in godliness? What does growing in godliness mean for you?

## ***Pray***

Spend time asking God to increase your heart and obedience to serve others. Pray for wisdom regarding the way your spiritual gifts connect to your ministry to others. Ask God to increase your godliness.

## ***Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team***

**Personal Prayer Focus:** Pray that each person of Oakwood would find their place of service within our church family so that the Word of God will increase and people will come to know the Lord.