



Lifegroup Questions - Ministry

Read Acts 6:1-7

- What was the issue that Hellenistic Jews were complaining about? Were they justified in their complaint? Who was in the wrong?
- How did the Apostles lead the church through this crisis? What were some of the things they did right in this situation? Why did they decide not to feed the widows themselves?
- Why did the apostles let the Church choose these people? What do we learn about the 7 who were selected? What was the result of these people being appointed to serve? (See verse 7 also Acts 6:8-10 & 8:5-6)
- In this story we see two different types of ministry (or service), the ministry of feeding the poor and the ministry of the word. What other types of ministry exist in the church today? (See Colossians 3:23-25, Matthew 25:37-40)
- The disciples had a clear understanding of their role within the early church (see Acts 6:2). What made them so confident in their calling? How can we uncover and become confident in our own calling?

Rick Warren, suggests that we all have a unique SHAPE; different Spiritual Gifts, Hearts, Abilities, Personalities and Experiences which inform the way in which we serve God. Use some of the questions to below to think about your own unique SHAPE either in Lifegroup or on your own.

Spiritual Gifts: Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 What does this teach us about the purpose of Spiritual Gifts in the Church? How can we discover our own Spiritual Gifts?

Heart: The Hellenistic Jews had a heart for the widows in their community, has God ever burdened your heart for a group of people, or an individual within your community? What did you do about it?

Abilities: The Apostles requested that those who were chosen would be full of the Spirit and wisdom, what does this mean? What abilities do you have that could be used to serve the mission of the Church?

Personality: Do you think certain types of personality are required for certain roles in the church? Why/why not? How does your personality impact the way in which you serve the church?

Experience: Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 what does this teach how God can use our past experiences? What experiences have you had (good or bad) that could be used for the benefit of others?