

The Heart of the Matter

12. As you reflect on the qualifications of deacons and deaconesses from 1 Timothy 3:8-13 would you say that you are ready to serve in this way in the church?

13. What is a task in our church that you could volunteer to help with right now?

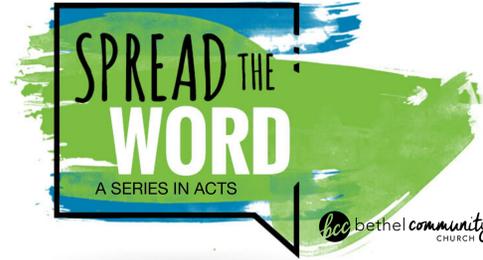
14. What can you do to encourage our pastors and elders to remain focused on the study of God's Word and prayer?

15. How is God preparing you to serve in our church right now? What steps do you need to take next to get involved?

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Life Group Study Guide

The Priority of Prayer and Preaching Acts 6:1-7 For the Week of January 13, 2019

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What weekly chore around the house would you gladly give up or let someone else do?
3. What is a project or event that you have had a difficult time finding volunteers to help you with?

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Digging Deeper

4. Given Acts 2:44-45 and 4:32 how could the widows be neglected? What seems to be the root issue of this problem?

5. What options were available to solve the problem? How do the apostles eventually propose to solve the problem?

6. How can problems like this found in this passage end up being a benefit to the church if handled properly?

7. Why is it good to allow more people to serve in the church than it is to work those who are already working harder? How does this benefit new members?

8. How important is it that we keep our pastors and elders from being loaded with work that competes with prayer and sermon preparation time?

9. Why was it important to appoint men “full of the Spirit and wisdom?” What does the Apostle Paul say are the qualifications for this work for deacons and their wives? (2 Timothy 3:8-13)

10. In verse 6 the apostles installed these new deacons by laying hands on them and praying for them. Why is so much attention put on these seemingly minor appointments?

11. In verse 7 what were the immediate results that came from these additional workers?