

Bible Study on CONNECT in ACTS — Acts 6:1-7  
For Sunday May 1, 2022

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Acts 6:1-7 (ESV)

**6** Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. **2** And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. **3** 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. **4** But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” **5** And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. **6** These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

**7** 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.

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1. Have you ever felt like you were neglected? What were the circumstances?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What were the disciples doing to increase in number? (Look back at the first five chapters in Acts.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What was the concern or complaint in verse 1? Who are the “Hellenists” and who are the “Hebrews”? (You might need to look this up in a Study Bible.)

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4. What do you think verse 2 means? Are some things more important than others? How is this connected to verse 4?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What are the qualifications for these 7 men?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. List the names of the seven men. What do you notice about the origin of these seven names?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What is the significance of verse 6 and where have you witnessed this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Where is a serving ministry at work in our church today?