

Series: Resilient

Text: Acts 6:1-6

When the early church faced a real problem, they did not ignore it or let it divide them. They addressed the need with wisdom, protected the ministry of the Word and prayer, and called qualified people to serve. The result was unity, care for people, and continued gospel growth.

- Primary text: Acts 6:1-6
 - Cross references: Acts 2:42-47, Galatians 5:22-23
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Church growth can bring problems because people are still sinners.

1. **Why do you think the complaint in Acts 6 came at a time when the church was growing?**
 2. **What is the difference between a divisive complaint and a complaint that reveals a real need?**
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The widows being overlooked was not just an inconvenience. It exposed a real ministry gap.

3. **Who are the people most likely to be overlooked in churches today?**
 4. **When you see a need, are you more likely to assume someone else will handle it or to ask how God might want you to respond?**
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Pastor Seth stressed that this moment could have threatened the unity of the church.

5. **Why was this issue so dangerous to the unity of the early church?**
 6. **What helps protect unity in a church when real problems need to be addressed?**
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The apostles, the seven, and the congregation all had a role. [The church grew because everyone served.](#)

7. **Why do you think the seven needed to be known for character, wisdom, and spiritual maturity even for practical service?**
 8. **Where are you most tempted to spectate instead of serve?**
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Pastor Seth's last takeaway was to stay focused on your calling. Faithfulness is not doing everything. If you are serving already it is okay to say no. You are where God has called you.

- 9. Why was it important for the apostles to remain devoted to prayer and the ministry of the Word?**
 - 10. Are you more likely to overcommit or undercommit when it comes to serving, and why?**
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Ministry areas:

- Southside Kids
- Van Ministry
- Southside Students
- Greeting Team
- Tech Team
- Mowing Team

- 11. Which of these ministry areas stands out to you most, and why? Text the number below with the ministry name and take a test drive. Also, if you are not sure just text Serve.**

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Five Takeaways:

1. Church growth can bring problems
2. Problems provide ministry opportunities
3. Unity matters
4. The church grows when everyone serves
5. Stay focused on your calling