

WEEKLY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of Sunday May 24, 2026

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INTRODUCTION

In **Acts 6:1–7**, we see that Jesus is not building a movement where people simply watch from the sidelines. He is inviting ordinary people to participate in His mission together. Many people wrestle with feeling unqualified, overlooked, too busy, or unsure if they have anything meaningful to offer. Yet this passage reminds us that God uses willing people who say yes to Him and serve faithfully where He places them. As we follow Jesus, the question is not whether we are needed, but how God may be inviting us to take our next step in the movement He is building.

Main Passage:

Acts 6:1–7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Name Your Yes

READ ALOUD

Acts 6:1–7

Opening Question: What is something you were hesitant to step into at first, but later became grateful you did?

- What problems or tensions do you notice happening in this passage?
- What stands out about how the apostles and the church responded to the need?
- Why do you think it mattered for everyone in the church to play their part in the movement?
- What might change in someone's life if they stopped spectating and started participating in what God is doing?

APPLY

- What is one excuse or fear that could keep someone from saying yes to God's calling?
- Where do you sense God may be inviting you to take a next step right now?
- What gifts, experiences, passions, or opportunities has God already placed in your life that could be used to serve others?

RESPOND

- What is one practical step you can take this week to participate more intentionally in God's movement?
- Who is one person you can encourage, serve, invite, or pray for this week?

DIGGING DEEPER *(optional)*

Acts 6:8–15

- What stands out about Stephen's character and faith in this passage?
- How do you see courage and obedience connected in Stephen's life?
- What do these verses show us about the kind of people God uses in His movement?

PRAY

Spend time thanking Jesus for inviting ordinary people into His work and His Kingdom. Ask God to reveal any fears, excuses, or lies that may be keeping you from obedience. Pray for courage to take your next step, wisdom to know how God wants to use you, and a heart that stays focused on serving others and advancing His mission.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Acts 6:1–7

- What problem was happening in this story?
- How did the church work together to help people?
- What are some ways our family can help or serve others this week?
- Why do you think God wants everyone to be part of His work?

For younger children: Help your child understand that Jesus can use anyone who is willing to love, help, and obey Him.

For older kids or students: What is one area where you feel God may be asking you to step up instead of staying on the sidelines?

BIBLE READING PLAN (OPTIONAL)

Scripture to read as you pray this week:

- **Day 1:** Acts 7:1–16
- **Day 2:** Acts 7:17–36
- **Day 3:** Acts 7:37–43
- **Day 4:** Acts 7:44–53
- **Day 5:** Acts 7:54–60

What's Going On?

Acts 6 takes place during a season of rapid growth in the early church. Thousands of people were coming to faith in Jesus, and the movement was spreading quickly throughout Jerusalem. As the church grew, real challenges and tensions appeared, especially around caring for widows who depended on the community for support. Instead of ignoring the problem or allowing division to grow, the apostles organized leaders to help meet needs while continuing to focus on prayer and teaching God's Word.

This passage matters because it shows that the church grows healthiest when everyone participates. The movement of Jesus was never meant to depend on a few people doing everything. God used different people with different responsibilities to care for others, strengthen the church, and continue spreading the gospel. The same is still true today.

A Bit of Background

The complaint in Acts 6 involved two groups of Jewish people: Hebraic Jews, who mainly spoke Aramaic and lived around Jerusalem, and Hellenistic Jews, who mainly spoke Greek and had lived outside the region. Many widows had returned to Jerusalem later in life because being buried there was considered honorable. Since widows often had little financial support, the early church became a vital community that cared for their daily needs.