



March 12, 2017
"All In" | Acts 6:1-7

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

1. Describe a time when you were part of a team working to achieve a larger goal (maybe a sports team, or a group at school or work, etc). What important contributions did you bring to the team? Why did you need others to accomplish the goal?
2. Read Acts 1:8. What is the "larger goal" (the mission!) we are working to help accomplish as a church?
3. Why is a "team mentality" (that is, everyone working together towards a common goal, using their unique gifts and benefiting from the gifts of others) essential for furthering the mission Jesus has given us?
4. Read Acts 6:1-7 and answer the following questions:
 - What is the problem that is threatening the health of the early church? (see esp. vv. 1-2)
 - How do the apostles and the early church respond to this issue? (see esp. vv. 2-6)
 - What is the result of everyone "playing their part"? (see esp. v. 7)
5. How does this passage reinforce the value of everyone playing their part in the church, to help further the mission Jesus has given us?
6. The Bible says every follower of Jesus should play an important role in the church and her mission. Read Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:7-27, then answer the following questions:
 - As you read about different spiritual gifts God has given the church (in Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12), which of these gifts resonate with your own personal passions and skill sets?
 - Have any of these gifts you've identified been affirmed in any way? (Maybe others have seen this same gift in you and pointed it out, or you've seen great fruit / godly results as you've exercised this gift?) Explain.
 - 1 Corinthians 12:7 teaches us that these gifts aren't given so we draw attention to ourselves – we have these gifts for "the common good." These gifts should be used for others. Choose one of the gifts (from the lists in Romans 12 or 1 Corinthians 12) you think you have. How can you use this for the common good – to serve others and help achieve the church's mission?
7. Think of some common excuses people might make for NOT playing their part. How would you address these, given what you've seen so far?
8. What practical step do you need to take to "play your part" in the life of the church and the mission Jesus has given us?
9. Challenge: Memorize Romans 12:4-5: 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.