

# LG | Leader

[Acts 6:1-7]

## WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- When you reflect back on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Explain Acts 1:1. Who is the author and what is he telling us in this opening verse?

Luke is believed to be the author of Acts. This is the second book Luke has written, the first being the gospel according to Luke. While the name Theophilus does mean friend of God, many scholars believe the name Theophilus is likely the name of an actual person Luke is writing to.

2. Read our primary text. What has transpired in Acts to get us to chapter 6? What are some of the events that are worthy of mention?

The Promise of the Holy Spirit, the ascension of Jesus, Matthias replaces Judas, the arrival of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, Peter preaches, Ananias and Sapphira, etc.

3. Who are the Hellenists? What is a proselyte?

Hellenists were Greek speaking Jews. A proselyte is a Gentile that converted to Judaism.

4. In this passage, why were the widows being neglected in the daily distribution (provisions for the needy)?

These widows were Greek speaking and likely overlooked due to the language barrier that was present, given that most of the disciples spoke Aramaic.

5. The twelve apostles said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables." What can we learn from this verse?

Everyone has gifts and a role to play in the body, but the preaching and teaching of the word should always be a priority. This verse displays the Apostles devotion to prayer and the ministry of the word.

6. What was the primary purpose of the seven chosen? What qualified them for their new role?

They were appointed to serve. They were men of good repute, full of the Holy Spirit, and full of wisdom. It also helped that they were Greek speaking, able to fill the specific need of communicating to the widows.

7. What in this passage is still practiced in our church today?

- Men are still chosen to serve (deacons)
- Laying on of hands is still practiced in prayers of healing and when we commission others
- The process of gathering resources to meet the needs of others in our community as a “daily distribution” is ongoing

## **PRAY**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**