

## Key Questions for Week Six—Bring Back the Mission | Acts 6:1-7

### Open

- Read Acts 6:1-7 as a group. What words, thoughts, feelings, or ideas caught your attention as you read this passage? Why?
- Reflect on the sermon from this past Sunday. What has stuck with you since listening to the message about “Bringing Back the Mission”?

### Discuss\*

- What was the problem that the church was facing (see 6:1)? What are some possible explanations for why the church was faced with this problem? What impact might this problem have on the mission of the church – both positive and negative impacts?
- What was the response of the Twelve to this problem? Do you hear them to be saying that some roles are more important than others? Why or why not? Read 1 Corinthians 12. How does the Twelve’s response and 1 Corinthians 12 speak to mission?
- What criteria is the gathering supposed to use to choose seven men to take care of the problem? Would you consider this criteria to be more about their ability or their character? Why?
- If time permits, read through Acts 6 & 7. What parallels do you see between Stephen and Jesus? What might this suggest about our mission as the Church?
- Read the quotes by Dallas Willard below. What are your thoughts and feelings regarding Willard’s words? How do Willard’s words speak to mission?

### Reflect

- How does today’s discussion speak to your understanding of our mission – as individuals and as the body of Christ? What might you need to do to be more aligned with this mission?
- In light of today’s discussion, what can we pray about?

*"The most important thing we offer God at the end of life is the person we have become."*

*"A disciple of Jesus is one who is with Jesus and learning to be like Him."*

*"It must be our conscious objective, consciously implemented, to bring others to the point where they are daily learning from Jesus how to live their actual lives as He would live them IF HE WERE THEY."*

*-- Dallas Willard*