

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Acts, part 14, 10-03-2021

1. Read Acts 6:1-7

2. When someone decides to follow Jesus, they might mistakenly believe that God will make them wealthy, healthy and happy. But we've already seen in our study of the book of Acts, that following Jesus will bring _____.

3. Read Acts 6:1-2. Taking care of those less fortunate is a very important mission of the church. But it was a matter of establishing priorities. The apostles knew that caring for those in need was not optional. So they came up with a _____.

4. Read Acts 6:5. Even though they were not given the title here, these were the first deacons of the church. Deacon means "to serve". They don't run the church. It's not a position that gets a reserved parking spot. Deacons are servants, just like all Christians are called to be _____.

5. There are many places in the church where conflict can happen. Usually, it happens in 3 main categories or a combination of these:

1. Conflict with the leadership.
2. Conflict with other believers.
3. Conflict caused by sin.

6. It is very important that the church leadership responds properly to conflict in the church. The apostle Peter tells church leaders the correct attitude in 1 Peter 5:1-3.

7. Then the church has a responsibility how they should respond to their leaders in conflict. Hebrews 13:7, 17

8. Sometimes we will have conflict with other believers because of our pride. James 4:1-2

9. Sometimes we will have conflict with other believers because of unforgiveness. Someone has hurt us. Someone has offended us. And we would never say this, but the person who hurt us, owes us something. They are in debt to us and we think, the debt must be paid. But there is nothing that person can do to pay the debt. So the only answer, is for us to cancel the debt.

10. What is a step we can take to resolve conflict with other believers?
"Realize that it all begins in the heart."
Proverbs 4:23