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Series Title: Servants for Jesus's Church

Sermon Title: Jesus Provides Servants for His Church

Text: Acts 6:1-7

1. **The Problem:** Unmet **NEEDS** threaten the **UNITY** of a growing church, v. 1 (*see also 1 Corinthians 11:17-22; Galatians 5:13-15; Ephesians 4:2-6; Philippians 2:1-4; James 2:1-9*).
2. **The Solution:** Jesus provides **QUALIFIED SERVANTS** within the church, vv. 2-6 (*see also Exodus 18:17-23; Mark 10:42-45; 1 Cor. 12:12-26; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 3:8-13*).
3. **The Result:** Lives are **CHANGED** by the **GOSPEL** of Jesus Christ, v. 7 (*see also Acts 11:19-21; Eph. 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10*).

FOR FURTHER STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. Skim read Acts 2-5. How would you characterize the nature and speed of the Church's growth (see especially 2:41, 44-47; 3:9-10; 4:4, 31; 5:14-15, 41-42)? What external conflicts have they faced and what has been the result? How is the conflict in Acts 6 different? Why is internal conflict in a growing church even more dangerous? What does this teach us about unity in a church, and how might the Enemy use things like unmet needs to sow division among God's people? Where do we see that kind of thing happening today?
2. In Acts 6:2-6, what is the solution to the problem of v. 1? Who is involved in solving the problem? Why did the Apostles delegate the responsibility for this ministry rather than just take care of it themselves? How would that have been harmful to the church? In God's design, who in the church is responsible for caring for the needs of the church members (see the cross-references in point 2 to help you)? With that in mind, what needs do you see among the people of Damascus Community Church? How is/might the Lord using/use you to meet those needs?
3. What qualifications do the Apostles require for those who will administer the daily distribution ministry in Acts 6? Why is it significant that the Apostles emphasize spiritual qualifications rather than simply professional competence, education, wealth, or social status? What does this tell us about Jesus's care for every ministry in His church? How does it reveal our dependence on His Spirit and His power to accomplish the work of every ministry in the church?
4. What happens in v. 7 as a result of this ministry thriving under the leadership of qualified servants? How is this a lesson for us about the significance for the spread of the Gospel of every ministry and every servant in the local church? How do each of the ministries and servants of DCC contribute toward the spread of the Gospel and the life-change that happens because of it? If you'd like to be involved in serving in some way among the DCC body, fill out a Communication Card and we will follow-up with you.

NEXT WEEK: Acts 6:8-7:60, "Jesus Equips Servants for His Church," Pastor Andy McClellan

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