
[SERMON NOTES]

Acts 6:1 - The Problem

- The church will always be somewhat _____.

Acts 6:2-4 - The Priorities

- God has called the church to make _____ AND _____ priorities.
(James 1:27, 3:1)
- A healthy church has the _____ people doing the _____ things.
(1 Cor. 12:4-6, 16-18)

Acts 6:5-10 - The Participation

- The _____ makes us participants in _____ priorities. (Rom. 12:6-8)
- To _____ in God's plan, you need to prioritize your _____.

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

Perhaps you have seen the posts on social media that say something like "Build your ideal team." Perhaps it is the NBA, NFL, MLB, or other sports teams. Maybe you could try and assemble a band made up of all of your favorite musicians. Perhaps you could put together the "perfect cast" for an upcoming movie. Regardless of the scenario, when you think about building an ideal team, it takes variety and diversity of skill sets. You wouldn't be a very good football team if it was all kickers and punters. You wouldn't have a very good band if it were all bass players. Unity in diversity is key!

Have some fun with this. What would be your ideal starting 5 for an NBA team? Or use any other scenario you would like to "build an ultimate team." Also explain why variety and diverse skill sets are important.

[DIGGING DEEPER]

In this week's message, we heard about a lot of positive ministry happening in Acts chapter 6. But it seemed like things were getting overlooked and certain tasks were being dropped. In wisdom, the disciples decided to put the right people, with the right hearts, in the right roles to make sure that the gospel message would be spread to the best of their ability. This is something that is certainly applicable for us today. ***When you think about an ideal role for you to serve God, what comes to mind?***

A very large part of finding a role for ourselves within the kingdom of God is understanding that the Holy Spirit that dwells within us and gives us certain gifts. ***In your own words, describe what spiritual gifts are and what their purpose is.***

We all have different roles to play within the church. ***Read Ephesians 4:11-16 and write out the different reasons we have different giftedness. What is the “why” behind it according to this passage?***

Below is a list of Spiritual gifts that we see in Scripture. For any gift, it is important to understand the biblical intent of how they are to be used. ***READ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and Romans 12:4-8*** to have a better understanding of where this list comes from and their purposes. ***Then, cross out 4 gifts that you know are not your giftedness and then circle 3 gifts that you think you might have.***

-Wisdom -knowledge -faith -healing -serving -teaching
-encouragement -giving -leadership -mercy -prophecy
-discernment -speaking in tongues -interpreting tongues -helps

Trying to determine what your spiritual gifts are can be difficult. Just because you try something and it didn't go like you hoped, doesn't mean you're not gifted in it. Take someone who has the gift of teaching for example. The first time they taught probably didn't go smoothly. So, how are you supposed to know the difference between a giftedness that needs to be developed and just something you're not gifted in? People who walk close with Jesus are some of the best resources to help you identify your spiritual gifts!

Write down 3 people that you trust to speak into the giftedness that they see in you. Then, pray and journal about their response.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible and READ (Reflect, Examine, Apply, Do).

Acts 6

1 Peter 4:8-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Colossians 3:15-17