

Pivot

Week 3 – August 30

Scripture: Act 6:1-7 and 1 Peter 4:10-11

Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!

Share: If a movie was made about your life, what genre would it be and who would play you?

Read Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Peter 4:10-11 together: Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

Discuss the following context:

As the number of believers grew, a dispute broke out and the Apostles recognized their mission of teaching God's Word did not permit them to stretch themselves beyond their own gifts and capacities. They recruited, delegated, and empowered more leaders. Then the Apostles devoted themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word. As a result, the number of believers continued to grow.

After being quarantined, many of us are ready to GO!!! As things "open up," we're ready to do anything and everything. With this level of eagerness, it's easy to forget the importance of pace and people. We can't just do it on our own; we need the right people, but we also need the right pace. Health and growth can come when we work in sync with others who are also living in alignment with the purposes of God.

Share your thoughts about the following questions:

1. How can we serve Jesus by serving one another? What do we have to gain or grow by serving one another?
2. Have you seen or can you imagine some specific ways that we can pivot in the way we "do church" in order to meet the needs of our community in the current landscape?
3. What community needs are close to your heart? How might God be calling you to respond?

Pray together: Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. As we follow Jesus, let's not "come to be served" but "serve one another". Ask God to help you take the posture of a servant and encourage others in this as well. Thank God for His mercy and grace as we move forward understanding we cannot do it on our own.

Question for Kids and Families: Read Acts 6:1-7 together. God gives us different kinds of skills so that we can help each other. We actually honor God by using the special skills He gives us to serve others in our community. We can accomplish great things when we work together. What types of ways can you help other people?