

GRAPPLING WITH GROWTH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 6:1-6

- 1 **It is interesting to note that the word for ministry (diakonia) appears four times in (Acts 6:1-6).** For that reason, many scholars believe this passage describes prototypical deacons.

 *List and explain the characteristics men needed in order to be appointed to this work of serving the church...*

- 2 **What can we learn from the Jerusalem church about how we should care for needy members?**

 *Is outsourcing (hiring others outside the church) a valid option? Why or why not?*

- 3 **According to Acts 6:1-6, what reason did the apostles give why they should not be directly in charge of caring for the needs of widows?**

 *Can you name the enemies of single-mindedness in pastoral ministry?*

 *What are one or two ways you can help your pastors stay focused on their calling?*

- 4 **What did the apostles consider to be their highest priority?** Was it the right priority for them? Explain your answer.

 *Were the apostles “too good” to serve tables? Explain your answer.*

 *What are your top priorities? Do you think you have your priorities in order, or is it time to reorganize them?*

