



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, February 28, 2021 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“The Need for Church Organization”

Acts 6:1-7

1. The first church had internal as well as external problems.
(Acts 6:1-2)
2. The apostles recognize both the problem and that they themselves are not the solution. (Acts 6:3-6)

3. Having and solving internal church problems leads to continued church health. (Acts 6:7)

Table Talk

- 1) What “arose” in the first church? Was this a legitimate complaint? Are all complaints in a church legitimate? What encouragement does it bring us that the first church had this serious internal complaint and problem? Why do we not see in these verses any effort to sort out who is at fault that this problem exists?
- 2) How much of the church did the apostles gather together to share their proposed solution? Why did the apostles bring a proposed solution instead of merely having a meeting to talk about the problem?
- 3) What is a greater priority for the apostles than solving the problem? How can this help the church today when we face internal problems? Why is having a church membership that is fully engaged in serving the body so important?
- 4) What is the apostles’ proposal for solving the problem? Do you think that the seven could have said “no” to the church’s appointment and apostles’ commissioning? How do you view your service to Christ through His church—completely optional, sort of pick and choose, important but not all-important, or essential?
- 5) What singular focus is so important for the apostles’ own responsibilities? (vv. 2 and 4) Why is it important that there be some persons in the church who devote themselves to “preaching the Word of God” (v. 2) and to “prayer and to the ministry of the Word”?
- 6) What happened as a result of this internal problem and its solution? Why might there be a connection between the many priests who come to faith and the solution to this problem?