

**Reflections on the Character of God**

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week’s aspect of God’s character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title, or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

**God’s Righteousness**

Reflection: Psalm 71:19; Psalm 89:14; Psalm 145:17; Jeremiah 23:5,6; Romans 3:21-24

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Life Response: 1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8

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**A Discipleship Journey - Acts of The Holy Spirit**  
**Getting Organized - Acts 6:1-7**

The church is both an organism and an organization.

Healthy things grow.

The problem in the church:

- 1) There is a perceived lack of concern.
- 2) There is an expectation that the leaders are going to fix the problem directly.

Early church structure:

- The 12 apostles
- Everyone else is a disciple

Disciple means “learner” or “student”

**The Hebrews were**

- Raised in Israel
- Spoke Aramaic
- Read OT in Hebrew

**The Hellenists were**

- Raised outside of Israel
- Spoke Greek
- Read the OT in the Greek translation of the Hebrew - Septuagint

Complaining is contagious.

*There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him... and one who sows discord among brothers. -Prov. 6*

Prayer and the ministry of the Word are our primary calling as a church.

Qualifications of those chosen to serve

- 1) Good reputation
- 2) Full of the Holy Spirit
- 3) Full of wisdom

Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge.

All seven men chosen have Greek names.

The Greeks complain, and the church puts the Greeks in charge.

As a result of organization:

*the Word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. -Acts 6:7*

### Discussion Questions: Acts 6:1-7

- 1) What was the problem that arose in the text?
- 2) What were the Apostles' priorities?
- 3) Why is it important that the church remains committed to prayer and the teaching of God's word?
- 4) What was the suggested solution to the problem?
- 5) What were the qualifications necessary for the 7 that were chosen?
- 6) What can we learn from the names of the 7?
- 7) Why was this decision good for the future of the church? What was the result?
- 8) What keeps you from being devoted to prayer and God's Word in your life?

**Prayer: Pray for one another and for our church. Pray that we would keep the main things the main things and always be committed to prayer and the teaching of God's word.**

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