



## **“Many Hands” Acts 6:1-7**

**From the sermon, we see how the social and political culture of a society affects the church, with some people feeling forgotten or marginalized:**

What kinds of cultural differences do you notice in our church?

How might these differences alienate certain people within our church and those in our community who are **unchurched**?

How have you reacted in the past to issues that directly affect people who are different than you?

**Acts 6 implies that the early church assumed that taking care of the needs of the impoverished in the church was the job of the apostles (leaders).**

Are you aware of any needs among church members? If so, what are they?

Who do you expect to take care of needs within the church?

What role do church members play in making sure these needs are met?

Based on the Apostles’ answer in Acts 6:2, what is the role of church leaders in making sure needs are met?

**In connection with our lesson from Acts 6, read 1 Corinthians 12, in which Paul compares the church to a human body:**

In verses 1-11, Paul describes various spiritual gifts given to believers. What gifts have you recognized in yourself?

We see in verses 14-25 that there are many roles we can play within the church. Which roles do you feel receive more honor in the congregation? Which roles are overlooked?

Verses 22-26 argue that the diverse roles people play in the church, though treated with varying honors, are equal in significance. How would accepting this perspective help us to care for one another and to not be divided?

**Many churches have adopted the slogan, “Every member a minister,” and we saw in the sermon that a minister is someone who serves. The church prospers when everyone helps out in the work, instead of a few individuals taking on the full burden.**

What are some different ways members of the church serve as “ministers?”

Name an area or areas where you can foresee serving others in the church?

What are some possible consequences if others do not assist in these areas?

**In closing, pray that God would show you how you can serve in the church today. Pray that we would not overlook the needs of others in our midst, and to include those who are different than us.**