

# A CHURCH THAT PRESSES IN

Acts 6.1-7 // July 31, 2022

## UNINTENTIONAL NEGLECT

As the needs arose within the church, there were some who were being unintentionally neglected. And once again, we see the church respond to hardship with grace, unity, and by pressing in to one another.

The problem was that a group of Greek widows were being overlooked, and as important of a task as this was, it was too much for the Apostles to take care of. So, they appointed seven faithful men to take this responsibility. This is where we see the church role of deacons first come to life.

**Deacon:** the Greek work is “diakonos,” which simply means “servant.”

## MULTI-FACETED APPROACH

The first important facet that we see is the context of the character of the church. They were already generous, seeking to bless, to give, and be sacrificial. This was not a church that looked only to their leaders to do the work, but they took the responsibility on themselves.

**It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

Acts 20.35

C.S. Lewis observed that when a man becomes engaged to a woman he loves, his purpose and hope is to have a deeper and richer relationship with her than he already has. Likewise, the Christian’s life and investments reveals what it truly is that we want to have more deeply and richly. Paul tells us that if our life’s investments are godly (made with gold and silver), they will last into the next life. But if we build with hay and wood, they will not.

**How you invest in this life has a direct effect on your next life.**

**You will either encounter *more*, or you will suffer loss.**

1 Corinthians 3.12-15

## SHARING THE BURDEN

Exodus 36.6-7 // Exodus 17.9-13, 18.13-26

God’s people will have times of plenty and times of struggle. How we respond to each other’s struggles reveals more about us than it does about those who are struggling. We are called to bear one another’s burdens, aiming to jump in sacrificially to help when there is neglect. The early church did this well, and our hope and prayer is that our church, too, would follow in the footsteps of our great-great-great-Grandchurch.

## NOTES:

### This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

**Matthew 4:4**

But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 6.1-7**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

What Gospel truths do you think motivated the first church to be as generous and giving as they were?

### Your Life Mission

When life around you gets hard and needs mount up in others' lives, what is your natural response? Do tend to withdraw, or do you press in? We will always have challenging relationships and circumstances that God brings us into, and our goal ought to be to give rather than receive. What do you need specific prayer for as it pertains to "giving" into certain relationships or circumstances for the sake of the Gospel?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

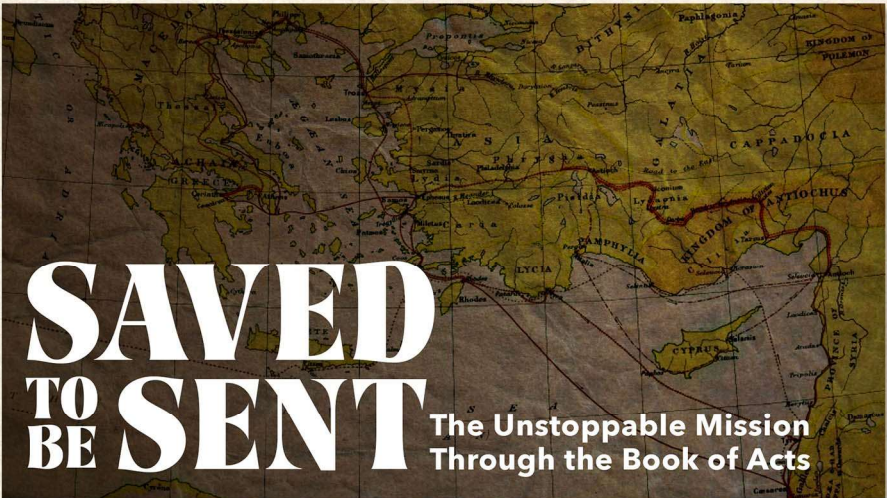
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
  - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
  - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
  - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
  - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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