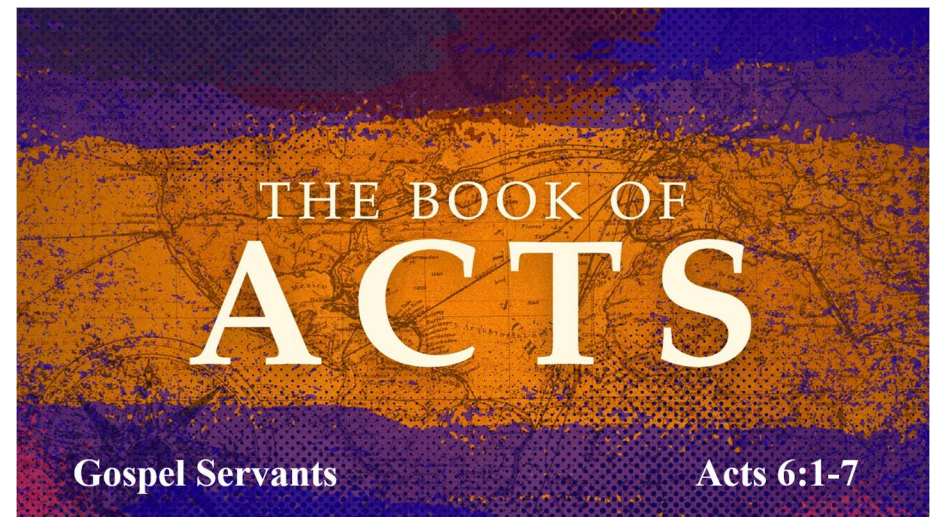


## Vs. 7 – Servants Advance the Gospel

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1. Verse 7 shows explosive gospel growth following humble service. Why do you think servant-hearted ministry fuels gospel advancement?
2. How does Ephesians 4:11–12 correct the idea that ministry belongs to “professional Christians”?
3. In what ways has the consumer mindset of our western culture crept into the church? How can we push back against that in our own hearts?
4. What would happen in our church if every believer embraced their role as a servant-minister? What impact could that have on our community?

# Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups

Sunday, December 7, 2025

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### Read Acts 6:1-7

The early church faced a need that threatened to hinder unity between the Hellenist and Hebrew Jewish widows. The apostles couldn't stop attending to their duties as the number of believers grew daily. They needed a solution. They needed servants who would assist them by meeting needs and helping to advance the gospel. The same need is present in the Church today. Servants are needed to assist those in need and to partner in furthering God's kingdom.

### Vs. 1-2 – Servants Help Meet Needs

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1. Why do you think the issue with the Hellenistic widows was so serious in the early church? What potential dangers could have come from ignoring or mishandling the complaint?
2. The apostles recognized the need but also recognized their calling. Why is it important—and sometimes difficult—to say *no* to good things so we can say *yes* to the best things?
3. Gayle Erwin defined a servant as “one who makes the lives of others better.” How does this definition challenge our assumptions about serving?
4. How have you grown in your faith and been blessed by being a servant? Is there somewhere God is calling you to serve right now?

### Vs. 3 – Servants Are Holy and Christ-like

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1. Why did the apostles prioritize character—being “full of the Spirit and wisdom”—over skills or availability when choosing servants?
2. How does Jesus redefine greatness in Matthew 20:25–28? How does His definition compare to the way greatness is defined in our culture?
3. What is the difference between *serving* and *being a servant*? Which describes you more honestly?
4. Jesus served the very people He created. How does His example shape the way we view even small, unseen acts of service?

### Vs. 4-6 – Servants Are Ministers

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1. In what ways does modern church culture sometimes confuse “ministers” and “servants”?
2. Stephen and Philip began ministry through humble service before their more public roles later in Acts. How does this encourage you regarding how God uses small beginnings?
3. Think about your church context: What ministries would not function without unseen servant-ministers?
4. Personal reflection: Do you view your acts of service—big or small—as ministry unto the Lord? How would your perspective change if you did?

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