

Lifegroup Curriculum: Week 9

Looking Back

Family Time (20 mins)

- 1. Vision:
 - Vision Statement: Explain the vision of your lifegroup. If you invited someone
 to share your vision piece last week, have them share this week! Invite
 someone in your lifegroup to share your vision piece next time.
- 2. Icebreaker Question:
 - What's something you did this week to serve someone else, or something someone else did to serve you? And what was the impact of that act of service?
- 3. Check-Ins:
 - Life updates from the previous week(s), prayer requests, praise reports.

Looking Up

Worship (15 mins)

- <u>King of Kings</u> Hillsong
- Holy Spirit- Bryan & Katie Torwalt

Bible Study (30 mins)

Acts 6:1-7, NIV

1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from



Antioch, a convert to Judaism. **6** They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What was the issue facing the early church community? How was this affecting the community?
- 2. What was the solution the Twelve apostles came up with? How was this solution intended to help the community?
- 3. What do you learn about community/parts of the body?
- 4. What are the different ways we can serve our community so we, as one body, can function as God intends for us?
 - In Lifegroup?
 - On Sundays?
 - In other areas?

Personal Reflection (a few minutes on your own):

Looking at the list from the 4th question above, is there a role you think you can play in this season to serve the larger body?

Small Groups: (25 mins)

- 1. Looking back at our last study on unity:
 - Have you been reflecting on anything regarding unity?
 - How has it been to pursue unity this week?
- 2. What stood out to you about serving from tonight's discussion?
- 3. Is there a particular role you think you can play in this season in order to serve our church community?

Midweek Reading

Please read Acts 6:8-7:60 before next week.