

Sermon Scripture Passage: Acts 6:1-7

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 And 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.

Scripture References:

Scripture – Philippians 2:1-4

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Mark 11:25

25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Matthew 5:23-24

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

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God’s Way of Handling Conflict #6 – Acts 6:1-7 – Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Peacemaking needs both to _____ the issue and to _____ the relationships.

Acts 6:1-7 The first churchwide conflict was over the _____ of bread

6:1 – The first disciples were determined to remain in _____, and so instituted the _____, the sharing of daily bread to provide for fellow believers in need.

All were Jewish, but the Hellenists spoke _____, and the rest spoke _____,

6:2 *What was the complaint? And what was the apostle’s side of the dispute?*

6:3-4 *How did they resolve the issue? Who picked the new deacons?*

6:5-7 *What were the results of this peaceful resolution of the conflict?*

Both sides can get locked into their _____.

Instead we can seek to understand what is the other side’s _____

Philippians 2:1-4 – We are called to:

One - Glorify God _____ all else

Two - _____ people

Three – Look to the _____ of others

Forgiveness is NOT:

One:

Two:

Three:

Four:

Two Stages of Forgiveness: _____ vs. _____ Forgiveness

The Promises of Forgiveness – What are you saying when you say I forgive you?

1. I promise I will not _____ on this incident.
2. I promise I will not _____ up this incident and use it against you.
3. I promise I will not talk to _____ about this incident.
4. I promise I will not allow this incident to stand _____ us or hinder our personal relationship.

Fill in the Blank Answers:

- *Resolve*
- *Reconcile*
- *Distribution*
- *Jerusalem*
- *Diakonia*
- *Greek*
- *Hebrew*
- *Positions*
- *Interests*
- *Above*
- *Value*
- *Interests*
- *Not a feeling*
- *Not the same as forgetting*
- *Not excusing or condoning*
- *Not the same as trust*
- *Dwell*
- *Bring*
- *Others*
- *Between*