

“Growing Complaints, Growing Grace”

Acts 6:1-7 – Pastor Josh Gnuse

MAIN POINT: The church is empowered by the Spirit with wisdom to preserve unity, even in conflict.

1. Jesus empowers his church to listen with grace.
2. Jesus empowers his leaders to respond with wisdom.
3. Jesus empowers his church to obey with faith.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus allowed this conflict to surface in the early church instead of preventing it?
2. What does Acts 6 teach us about how Jesus cares for people who feel overlooked, neglected, or unseen?
3. How does the church's solution in Acts 6 reflect the servant-hearted ministry of Jesus Himself? How can the church ensure that people are served with still prioritizing prayer and preaching?
4. How does knowing the end of the story that Jesus grows His church even through conflict help you face conflict or complaining today?
5. Acts 6 ends with "the Word of God increased." What would it look like for grace to grow in you or in our church because of the very things that feel like complaints or challenges right now?
6. Where do you see Jesus turning your own complaints or conflicts into opportunities for His grace to grow?
7. How does the way Jesus shepherds His church in Acts 6 give you confidence that He will shepherd you through the tensions, conflicts, or uncertainties you're facing right now?