

SERMON NOTE: Called To Serve

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Bible Ref: Acts 6:1-6 NIV

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. 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. 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 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." 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. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/act.6.1-6.NIV>

This was after the day of Pentecost, after the out pouring of Holy Spirit.

The more they were afflicted/ persecuted, the more they multiplied.

This can also be seen in growing of number of Christian in China and other part of the world.

Due to the growth, there were negligence in distribution.

There were 2 groups of believers.

Hellenistic Grecian Jews- Greek speaking and culture.

Hebraic Jews- Aramaic or Hebrew speaking and culture.

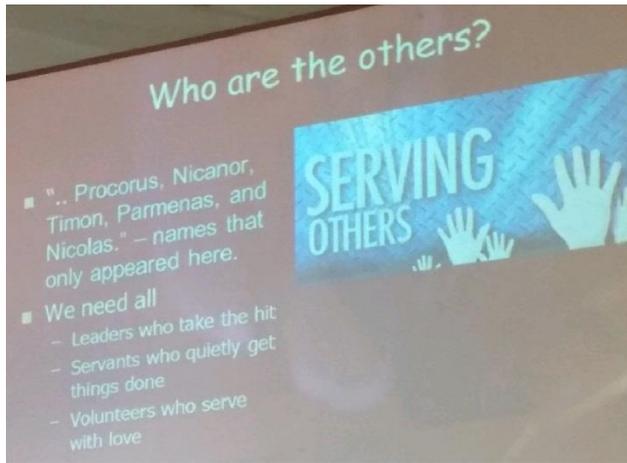
There maybe miscommunication/
favouritism... And so on

The 12 disciples were humble enough and able to receive the complaints of the believers of the discrepancy. They reflected and held meeting, discussed, and decided to choose 7 persons with wisdom and full of Spirit to serve..

Who are the one called to serve, should have the same quality or criteria

Deacon= diakonia = wait on, to serve.





Stephen- Acts 6, Preach powerfully
 Phillip- Acts 10, Preached to the Iconia

GOD is looking for people who is willing to serve with characters of FAT - Faithful, Available and Teachable.



We as members of Church.. Can make ourselves available for ministry..

Or in

- alpha
- bb Christian Education
- visiting homes/ hillville
- family ministry

Be united in serving, encourage one another to serve in Church and serve the poor and needy.

