

DEACONS: THE CHURCH'S SERVANTS

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1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Acts 6:1 indicates that the need for deacons was predicated by the growth of the church. As Valley Bible grows, where do you see emerging needs that could helpfully be addressed?
3. Why do you think the Apostles tasked the congregation of their disciples with selecting specific deacons rather than doing it themselves (vs 2-3)?
4. What, practically, is "prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4), and why are these among the most important tasks an elder can do?
5. Would it be appropriate for an elder to engage solely in "prayer and ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4)? If yes, why? If not, what other tasks should they be engaged in
6. In today's modern context, what sorts of things do you see pulling time and attention away from our elders' ability to devote themselves to "prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4)?
7. Knowing that all people ought to be serving one another (Gal. 5:13), why is it important for deacons to be uniquely qualified for their service?
8. What can believers do to purposefully grow toward being dignified (1 Tim. 3:8)?