ACTS 6:1-7

BACKGROUND

Up until this point, the primary issues that the local church of 10,000 believers in Jerusalem had were from *outside* the church in the form persecution from the Jewish leaders in the city. In tonight's passage, we see some of the first recorded issues from *inside* the church and how they were handled.

PRAY

PLEASE READ ACTS 6:1-7

SHARE OBSERVATIONS (Who? What? When? Where? Repeating words, phrases, & themes?)

QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the points of conflict in this passage?
- 2. What is Godly and mature about the way the apostles handled this conflict?
- 3. What do you think it means to be "full of the Spirit and wisdom" (v3)? Why do you think this was an important qualification for leadership in the church?
- 4. How is the spreading of the word of God in v7 connected to the conflict being resolved?
- 5. In what ways should conflict be different among believers compared to others? Why?
- 6. How does this passage encourage or challenge you? How can we pray in response to this passage and for each other?