

DISCIPLE

Week 4

BRBC Groups

November 1, 2020

Scripture | Acts 6:1-7, Ephesians 4:11-16

**Ice
Breaker**

1. When is a time you felt you were making a positive impact in someone else's life or in the world? What were you doing? Why were you doing it?

**Going
Deeper**

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
2. This week's message was about contribution, serving others and the church. Do you currently volunteer in some way in the church? If so what way? If not is there something you would be interested in doing?
3. Read Acts 6:1-7
4. Why do you think some of the widows are being neglected?
5. How do the apostles resolve the issue?
6. From reading the text, why do you think the apostles didn't just do the work themselves?
7. At the time, the caring for widows seemed like a simple task for people to do in the church. What was the criteria the apostles had for those who would serve in that area? Why do you think they had those expectations?
8. What do you think this story shows us about serving in the church today? How would we apply it?
9. Read Ephesians 4:11-16
10. The greater context of this passage is that Paul is writing about unity in the church and how it should function. It appears that the letter was written in a context where there was disunity because people were thinking they were too important to do certain tasks, and as a result did nothing.

Why do you think Paul lists the 5 offices of the church (apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers) here and not other giftings like he does in other passages of scripture?
11. Of those five giftings listed, is there one that you believe you have? How do you use it?
12. Based on verse 14, what seems to be one of the problems that the church in Ephesus has? What would be the remedy for it?
13. Where does our church need to grow toward maturity?
14. In this week's message, Rob said that often times when people leave churches they say they are not being fed. While this may be true at times, what do you think, based on this reading and your knowledge of the Apostle Paul, he would have said to a comment like that?
15. How can we prevent ourselves from being overfed spiritually?
16. How can we pray for each other this week?