



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

Home Group study: week beginning 23rd October 2022

TITLE: Building Blocks – Teamwork makes the Dream Work

PREACHER: Tim Cowles

PASSAGE: Acts 6:1-7

THEME: Building healthy teams in the life of the church will help us see the realisation of what God has in store for us as a church.

Leaders Notes:

- *Please use these questions as conversation starters to aid discussions. Please don't feel obligated to go through all the questions.*
- *After the reading I always like to consider asking 'what immediately stands out in the passage?'*

Introduction

What is the best team you've ever been on and why was it so good?

Read ACTS 6:1-7

Background:

- Hellenistic Jews – predominately Greek cultured and Greek speaking Christian Jews
- Hebraic Jews – predominately Hebrew cultured and Hebrew speaking Christian Jews.

a) Identify the need

- The Hellenistic Jews are raising a complaint against the Hebraic Jews - do you think it is helpful for Christians to be complaining? What separates a 'complaint' from a 'concern' or 'feedback'?
- We can often all face times where we don't agree - how could you raise concerns or issues that you can see in the workplace, home or church?
- Do you think there are any 'needs' within the church that you feel are being overlooked?
 - *Please do feed these back to us as an eldership team.*

b) Assess the situation

- Are you someone who tries to solve all problems by taking on further responsibility? What's the benefit vs risk of this?
- What do you think of the 12 Disciples response in verse 2? Do you agree around dividing responsibilities?

c) Big Ask

- In verse 3 -4 the 12 disciples ask for support from all the church. What can put us off making a big ask of people today?

- Should we be put off from asking for help?
- What do you think would have happened if no one stepped forward?
- What are the key recruitment criteria for this task around the following areas?
 - Character
 - Calling
 - Competence
 - Chemistry
- What other key values might you hold when recruiting to teams whether in the workplace or volunteers?

d) Build & Commission

- Why was it important for the disciples to pray and lay their hands on the seven nominated? What is significant about this?

e) Release capacity

- Do you feel there is a direct relationship between the following rapid growth of the disciples in Jerusalem and the building of teams here? Why or why not?

Pray

- Please pray for the church as we look to build healthy teams.
- Please pray for the nation as the new Prime Minister looks to build their team – that they would have individuals of Good Character, Passionate Calling, Skilled Competence and positive team chemistry.