

THE BOOK OF ACTS

A CROSSPOINT CITY
SERMON SERIES

DISCUSSION GUIDE Week 15: Growing Pains

SERIES OVERVIEW

The book of Acts tells the story of the gospel advancing from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. As we walk through this missional narrative together, our prayer is that God would breathe fresh wind into our sails—motivating and inspiring us to join Him in the work He’s still doing today.

[Book of Acts Video Overview](#)

CONTEXT

In Acts 6:1-7, the early church faces internal conflict as the Hellenistic Jews complain that their widows are being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. To address this growing pain, the apostles appoint 7 men of good repute to manage the distribution, allowing the church to continue growing in faith and numbers while maintaining its focus on prayer and ministry.



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Available Dates: Aug. 28/29, Sept. 11/12,
Oct. 23/24, Nov. 6/7

SCRIPTURE: Acts 6:1-7

1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

MAIN IDEA

When churches grow, so does the work of ministry. Methods must change and ministry must be shared for the mission to continue.

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ICE BREAKER

Share your favorite summer memory growing up or what are you looking forward to the most this summer?

GROUP DISCUSSION

(Refer to **Week 15** of your ACTS Journal.)

As a church grows, the church experiences growing pains and each person experiences loss, especially Power, Prestige and/or Preference. What do you think is Crosspoint's most difficult growing pain? How have you experienced any of the 3 losses listed above?

Watch the [Book of Acts Video Overview](#) from 0:00-6:10 as a refresher to our Acts Series.

Read Acts 6:1-7 as a group. How does this passage relate to where we are as a church?

The results of restructuring the early church were; people got to use their gifts, the church was pleased and the mission was advanced to care for and reach even more people. For our mission to advance, we must...

- **Be open to change!** A major reason many churches plateau or decline is due to an unwillingness to change.
- **Be willing to care!** Church is a family and family cares for family.
- **Be ready to contribute!** Contribute your time, talents and treasure.

How would you rank these mandates in levels of importance for Crosspoint and why? Share and explain which one is hardest for you to do and which one comes easiest to you?

Discussion continued:

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. Pray for your church leadership and your Group Leaders.

**Attend as a group.
Get signed up today!**



June 19-20
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