

Show and Tell

The Problem: Then and Now (*Acts 6:1-7*)

*But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The **Greek-speaking believers** complained about the **Hebrew-speaking believers**...*

*Being **discriminated** against...So the Twelve called a meeting...teaching the word of God, not running a food program. Acts 6:1-2*

- Ethnicity, cultural, economic, busyness
- God's heart... show and tell
*He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice... Deuteronomy 10:18
 Free those...lighten the burden...remove the chains that bind people. Share your food...give shelter...give clothes...feed the hungry...help those in trouble. Then your light will shine...you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities...
 Isaiah 58:6,7,10,12*
- Jesus' commission
"So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20
- Jesus' teaching...serve
*And the King will say "I tell you the truth, when you did it to **one of the least** of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Matthew 25:40*
- Jesus' story...love
*"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now **go and do the same.**" Luke 10:36-37*

The Solution: The Whole Gospel...Unstoppable

...brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility... " Everyone liked this idea, and they chose... Acts 6:3, 5

- The gospel and social justice: the whole gospel
- Results and lessons
*So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers **greatly increased** in Jerusalem, and many of the **Jewish priests** were converted, too. Acts 6:7*
- Greatness is serving
*The **greatest** among you must be a **servant**. Matthew 23:11
 Now these are the **gifts Christ gave** to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is **to equip** God's people to **do his work** and build up the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12*
- Do for one
*So let's not get tired of doing what is **good**. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the **opportunity**, we should **do good to everyone**... Galatians 6:9-10*

Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

1. Briefly summarize the primary points/truths of Sunday's message.
2. How were you either encouraged or challenged by Sunday's message?
3. In what way was Sunday's message countercultural?
4. What would it look like if you applied these truths in your life?
5. What specific steps will you take this week?