



I. CHECK-IN

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's challenge:

"Make a plan for your small group to start making a positive impact on your community this month. Your small group leader should have a list of organizations that you can partner with."

II. SCRIPTURE

Acts 6:1-7

About that time, while the number of disciples continued to increase, a complaint arose. Greek-speaking disciples accused the Aramaic-speaking disciples because their widows were being overlooked in the daily food service. The twelve called a meeting of all the disciples and said, "It isn't right for us to set aside proclamation of God's word in order to serve tables. Brother and sisters, carefully choose seven well-respected men from among you. They must be well-respected and endowed by the Spirit, with exceptional wisdom. We will put them in charge of this concern. As for us, we will devote ourselves with prayer and the service of proclaiming the word." This proposal pleased the entire community. They selected Stephen, a man endowed by the Holy Spirit with exceptional faith, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. The community presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. God's word continued to grow. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased significantly. Even a large group of priests embraced the faith.

III. DISCUSSION

- What stood out from the scripture above?
 - How was the early church failing to live up to its values?
 - How did asking for help make a positive difference?
- Do you struggle with asking for help? If so, what consequences have occurred when you didn't ask for help?
- Why is it hard to ask for help? What feelings come up?
- How can we use this example of asking for help from the early church at Mid City Church?
 - In your small group?
- How much more can we accomplish when we ask for help?

V. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. CHALLENGE

What areas of your life are you trying to do completely on your own? Who can you ask for help with this issue? Make a small step in your journey of asking for help this week. If you cannot, work through why it is difficult to ask for help.