

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
FEBRUARY 12, 2023

**A NEW OFFICE OF SERVICE FOR THE CHURCH**  
**ACTS 6:1-7**

**MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

The office of deacon was given to the church to advance the ministry, or service, of the Word of God.

- I.** The Service of the Word of God Threatened (v.1)
- II.** The Solution in Deacons Identified (v.2-4)
- III.** The Seven Ordained as Deacons (v.5-6)
- IV.** The Service of the Word of God Advances (v.7)

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

- 1. Christ uses both to advance the gospel, but elders & deacons have different roles and responsibilities. How can you pray now for this relationship to be healthy in our church?
- 2. Read Acts 1-5 this week. How do those chapters feed into the situation we find in our text?
- 3. How high of a calling have you considered the deacon to be? How does the teaching of this passage change that?
- 4. Boys & girls – why do we need deacons? How can you pray for our deacons, even if they haven't been chosen yet?

**FURTHER READING:** Mark 1:39; Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor 12:25; Phil 1:1; 1 Tim 3:8-13