

FAMILY RESOURCE FOR THIS WEEK:

BIG IDEA: Loving people is meeting their needs

READ ACTS 6:1

What was the problem?
Have the adults eat dinner first,
then the kids get the leftovers.

READ ACTS 6:2

Why did the problem happen?
Make a list of things God would like us to do.
Circle the things that are hard for you to do in red.

READ ACTS 6:3-4

How did they solve the problem?
Take turns being the “food monitor” this week.
It is the food monitor’s job to be sure
that everyone gets their share of the food.

READ ACTS 6:5-7

What happened when they solved the problem?
Share some of your dessert with a neighbor.

MEMORY VERSE:

“Go, _____ and in the _____ courts,” he said,
“and _____ the _____ the full _____ of this _____ life.”
Acts 5:20

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE FOR THIS WEEK:

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 6:1-7	Act 9:39-43
1Timothy 5:16	James 1:27
1John 3:17	Act 4:32-37
Romans 12:13	Ephesians 4:28

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Why was the distribution of food the first significant church issue in the book of Acts?
How important was this issue to the apostles? Did they consider this a spiritual issue or a physical issue?
Were there adequate resources to meet the need?
What are every person’s basic needs? (Don’t think about just the physical needs.)
Why do some people have greater physical needs than others?
How does what we define as a need grow over time?
Think about these statements: When we compare ourselves to others in physical matters we look up. When we compare ourselves to others in moral or spiritual matters we look down. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
Why are we reluctant to share with others?
What is the greatest physical need in your church group?
What needs show up most often on our prayer lists?
What does this tell you?
What is the greatest physical need within your community?
What role should your family/congregation play in meeting the needs that you see?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Ask God to give you His heart.
Thank God for the growth He has given to you.
Pray for God’s wisdom in meeting needs.
Ask for opportunities to share His blessings.