



DIGGING DEEPER

Acts 6v1-7 – **Under Attack – Distraction**

PLEASE READ – Acts 6v1-7

GETTING STARTED

How helpful is the phrase below in the context of the Christian life?

'The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing'

How big an issue is distraction in your life?

1) THE PROBLEM (v1)

Talk about the initial problem in the church and how it's already leading to and could lead to further issues...

Is this a helpful reminder? If so, in what ways in particular?

2) THE SOLUTION (v2-6)

How is the problem addressed? Work through the process in v2-6...

What's the main issue at stake?

What lessons can we learn today?

How does the NT model of church Elders and Deacons fit with the pattern we find here in Acts?

What does the image of the church as a 'body' add to this picture?

3) THE RESULT (v7)

How does v7 flow from what's come before?

John Stott says...

'...the devil's next attack (ie distraction) is the cleverest of the three.'

Do you agree?

What's your one big takeaway challenge?

Meditate on the words of Paul below...

1 Cor 12v27-30: Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.