



## **The Courage to Care**

Acts 6:1-7, and Acts 7:51-60

Growth Group Discussion Questions for October 15, 2017

### **Getting Started:**

1) Which responsibility at home or work would you gladly give up? Never give up?

2) **READ:** Acts 6:1-7.

- Given the scenario in Acts 2:44-45, what might be some reasons the Greek-speaking widows were suddenly being overlooked?
  
- Why did the apostles find it important to choose men “full of the Spirit and wisdom” for a seemingly minor task?
  
- What different ethnic or cultural groups are there in your church? How can differences among believers cause division?
  
- How can we learn to channel our complaints into solutions?

### **Going Deeper:**

3) **READ:** Philippians 2:1-11. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.

- Being “full of the Spirit and wisdom” becomes evident when we express an attitude of humility in all our relationships. What does it look like to consider someone “better than yourself”?
  
- Following Jesus together can be compared to playing an instrument in an orchestra. Each musician works together with the other musicians to

make a beautiful piece of music come alive and bless those who hear it. What are some specific attitudes and actions each musician must embrace in order to create a beautiful sound together that others want to hear?

- How does this analogy translate to the church?
- Is it ever ok to create dissonance in your sound?

4) **READ:** 1 Peter 5:1-9

- Majoring on minor issues keep our focus and energy off of our main task as the church. How might these kinds of distractions make us vulnerable to being consumed by the devil?
- How do we stifle the Spirit and the spread of God's good news by going down this path?
- What does Peter say is the solution?

## **Bringing It Home**

5) **READ:** Galatians 5:22-23

- What characteristics of the Spirit would help us the most live in harmony with others? Help us courageously stand up at the Spirit's prompting?
- How do we produce the Spirit's fruit in our lives?
- As a result of this teaching, what is the Spirit nudging you to let die in your life right now?