

Listening Guide, Pastor Frank Johnson
Deacons: Modeling the Servant-Life of Jesus
"The Calling of Shared Ministry"
Acts 6:1-7

Take a Closer Look.

I. SHARED MINISTRY IS NEEDED BECAUSE OF THE _____ OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. vv. 1-3

1. The _____ of the church demanded much from church leaders.
2. As the church grew, old and unresolved _____ between people threatened to divide the fellowship.
3. The apostles charged the church with the task of selecting the _____ to solve the immediate problem.

II. SHARED MINISTRY IS NEEDED TO UTILIZE THE SPIRITUAL _____ OF OTHER CHRISTIANS. vv. 3-6

1. To maintain fellowship in the distribution of food, men "full of the _____ and wisdom" were needed.
2. The Seven were representatives of the _____ involved in the dispute, as well as of the church as a whole.
3. The men were _____ for their task.

III. SHARED MINISTRY IS NEEDED TO GIVE _____ THE GREATEST ADVANTAGE IN BUILDING HIS KINGDOM. v. 7

1. Luke tells us that "the _____ of God spread" at this time.
2. What could have produced the _____ of kingdom building was turned into an opportunity for growth.

Take It Home (applications).