



The Book of Acts

Your mission to the world.

Living the Creed: April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Read Acts 6:1-7

When we picture the early church, we picture an ideal scene, where everyone always got along famously. But there was plenty of conflict.

What seems to be at the heart of the conflict in Acts chapter 6? _____

The Twelve, the leaders of the church in Jerusalem, recognized they are not able to do everything. What is their solution to the conflict taking place?

Who are the seven chosen to lead the ministry of food distribution? _____

What requirements did these seven men need to have in order to be selected? _____

The earliest followers of the church began as a small group. One task of the small group was to be gathered in prayer. Another was to share the story. Let's apply this to our faith life today as the church.

Sometimes conflict in the church is pretty minor, sometimes it is pretty major. Can you recall a minor conflict that happened within our church? _____

How about a major conflict? What can you remember about it? _____

Often at the center of conflict is a person we think should be able to keep everyone happy, and prevent all this conflict. We often expect too much out of this person. What are ways we can be a part of solving conflict, instead of expecting one or two people to always solve it? _____

Sometimes conflict leads to new incredible ministries, led by people who are suddenly asked to lead. What is something new our congregation started as a solution to conflict? _____

