

## **Dedicated.**

Acts 5:42-6:7

**Keeping the main thing the main thing.**

### **1. As the church grew, its leadership had to as well.**

- a. They grew in number. As they made converts, they also made disciples. (5:42-6:1)
- b. They maintained their God given priorities.
  - Their message had great power due to their Spirit-filled dedication to prayer and to God's Word. (6:2-4)
  - "Your greatest danger is letting the urgent things crowd out the important."

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- c. They grew in their leadership capacity. (6:5-7)
  - Character took precedence over competency.
  - Ministry was understood as a privilege.
  - Their capacity to care well for others greatly increased. (Ex 18:17-21)

### **2. The church is a work in progress.**

- a. We are all called to actively participate in the church, not just attend it.
- b. Unity comes at a cost, a big one. They maintained fellowship even when it was under great pressure.
- c. The church must maintain the right priorities.

### **Questions for reflection:**

1. What happens when we neglect our priorities? What has God asked you to prioritize in your life right now?
2. In what areas of your life has God asked you to lead, and in what areas has God asked you to be led?
3. What would it look like for you to become a disciple maker?