

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."

Charles E. Hummel, Tyranny of the Urgent

- 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?