



Where Y'at?

Part 5: Strategic Service
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Acts 6:1-7

¹In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

⁵This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Some simple facts from the story:

- 1) The church was growing
- 2) Some people were getting overlooked
- 3) There was a need for faithful servants (volunteers)
- 4) The church was in agreement with a plan that included volunteers and their placement
- 5) The result of strategic service was not "filled holes" — it was *"the Word of God spread"* and *"the number of disciples... increased rapidly"*

God has given you two things you can offer:

- 1) Your heart (willingness, passion, purpose)
- 2) Your hands (action, skill, talent)

The Mission of CTK

To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.

The Vision of CTK

Mobilizing real people who serve the real God in the real world

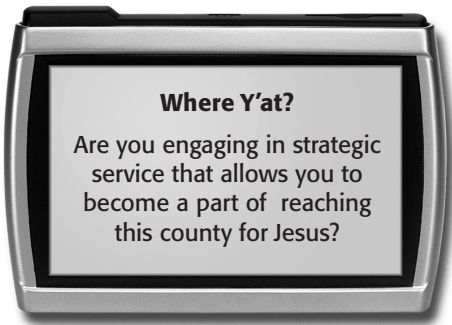
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Some simple facts from our story:

- 1) Our church is growing
- 2) Some people are getting overlooked
- 3) There is a need for faithful servants (volunteers)
- 4) Our church has agreed on a plan that includes you and your gifts
- 5) The result of your strategic service: people will come to Jesus

Ephesians 4:15b-16

...him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each one does its part.



On The Way Home

Think about your favorite TV show. How many people do you think it takes to put that show together? To find the answer, the next time you watch it, take the time to read the credits!

Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) What is your greatest passion? Is there something you love to do that doesn't seem like work when you are doing it?
- 2) In your opinion, what are the greatest needs facing humanity in the 21st Century? What are you doing about meeting those needs? Why do you think most people do nothing?
- 3) Why does God make serving such a big deal? What are all of the benefits that come from strategically serving with other people in order to accomplish a goal?
- 4) Where are you involved in strategic service? What is your "payoff" for serving people and being obedient to God's voice? (For the record, CTK also loves people who are "hiding and healing." If that's where you're at, that's just fine!)
- 5) How can your small group help you to engage in strategic service?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?