

Don't Get in the Way!

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BIG IDEA

God desires to use us (the church) to accomplish His plans and purposes, but what often happens is that we get in the way of the great things that God wants to do with us and through us. Despite great opposition and persecution, the 1st century church did not get in the way of the great things God was doing, rather, they got on board in being used to accomplish the mission of the Gospel. If we'd be a people, a church community that does not get in the way of all that God would want to do with us and through us...

1. *We'd see that our unity matters to God & the world around us!*
2. *We need our leaders focused on doing what God calls them to do!*
3. *We'd have a community of characters with character!*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – stemming from Acts 6:1-7

1. What are ways that we can get in the way of all that God wants to do with us and through us?
2. Unity is a really, really big deal to God. Our unity (how we treat, speak of, and interact) with our brothers/sisters in Christ not only matters to God, but will impact our witness to a watching world. How are you helping to promote unity within the family of God, specifically, GENESIS?
3. If we'd not get in the way of all that God wants to do with us and through us, we need to have leaders who are focused on doing ALL that God has called them to do. **Two questions to consider:**
 - a. **For current leaders** – how much of what you do is being done as a result of how you've been praying? Consider [Acts 6:4](#)
 - b. **For those not currently in leadership** – how are you enabling the leaders around you to remain focused on what God wants them to do?
4. Our character matters – meaning, who we are becoming matters to God. What is your character leading you to do? In other words, as you grow in Christ-like character, we begin to act like Jesus to those around us. How do you see that you are acting (becoming) like Christ to those around you?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Friday** – be at GENESIS this [Friday, June 14th](#) for our first 'Well' gathering at 35 Olympia Ave.! It will be a powerful time of prayer and worship beginning at 8PM.
- **This Sunday** – we will continue our series in Acts... next up: [Acts 6:8-15](#)
- **SERVE** – GENESIS relies on a huge community of volunteers and we need you're help! If not already serving, please consider serving in one of the following areas: Connections, GENESIS Kids, Student Ministries, Worship, Creative, Facilities. Learn more at: genesisthejourney.com/serve