

Point Group Notes

Message from 2/25/24

Deacons Chosen | Acts 6:1-7

Getting to know you...

1. How do you typically respond to a situation you weren't ready for? Do you panic? Are you cool as a cucumber? Do you play it off? Share a funny story of you being caught off guard.
2. What wisdom was shared with you from your parents/grandparents/mentors about being "ready"? Maybe it was around saving money or keeping leftover packaging... What do you remember? What impact did it make on you?

Digging Deeper

The beginning of Acts 6 shows that the Apostles had to deal with a dispute between some members of their new and growing church. One of the highlights of this passage was that there were people in the church who were ready to step up and take the office that the Apostles created for the difficult situation in front of them. The qualifications were specific and stringent, yet they found seven willing and able! The idea of being *ready* is also found in **1 Peter 1:12-16**; read the text below and answer the following questions.

1 Peter:13-16 (ESV)

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action,¹⁴ and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1. In 1 Peter 1:13, Peter tells Christians to "prepare your minds" and to "be sober minded." How can we stay focused on the hope and grace found in Jesus, even when life gets tough? What sacrifices or habits do YOU have that help you keep this instruction?



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2. Verse 16 quotes from Leviticus 11:44, emphasizing the call to holiness as rooted in God's character. How does understanding God's holiness inform our understanding of our pursuit of holiness?

3. What comes to mind when you analyze the last week, month, and even year through the lens of “be holy in all your conduct”?

Taking it Home...

1. One of the things we see in the first six chapters of Acts is that the ministry is rapidly expanding, and needs are changing *because* the church was on fire. Thinking about our church and the growth we see... Why is it so important for YOU to be ready?

2. Thinking through the things that the Holy Spirit might be convicting you about... What do you currently have going on that you feel is hindering your “readiness”?

3. What do you think our church would look like if we were all 100% sober minded, and pursuing holiness hand-in-hand with Christ?

4. With “readiness” and the “pursuit of holiness” in mind, how can your Point Group pray for you this week?

