

Team Member Appreciation Sunday

Message Summary: Deacons were among the church's earliest leaders and so were elders. Leadership is needed in every sphere of life from governing a nation, managing a business, growing a marriage, and superintending a church. Jesus called the church *His* church, so no single person or denomination can lay claim to it. The church needs team members working to keep areas of the Body of Christ moving forward so ministry and people succeed and not fail.

Honoring Deacons of Hope Chapel

Acts 6:1-7

- 1. The Church grows and the first problem. vv.1,2**
 - A. Servants should be Helpful.

- 2. Spiritual problems met by spiritual people who keep spiritual priorities. vv.3-6**
 - A. Everybody can't do everything but everybody can do something.
 - B. God calls and equips different people to do different tasks and leadership facilitates it all.

- 3. Results: Word spread, disciples multiplied & many became obedient to the faith. V.7**

LifeGroup Questions:

Begin It (5mn) – Time spent praising God and pray for the Lord to lead the study.

Open It (10mn) – If you had to spend next Saturday morning leading a Bible study, praying with other Christians, or serving breakfast to a group of widows, which activity would you choose? Why?

Explore it (60mn) – Share your insights and questions as you go through Sunday's message before answer the following questions:

1. Look at the qualifications for servant leaders (deacons) in Acts 6:3. How important are they and why are these qualities listed?
2. Are there other qualities needed in your opinion?
3. What benefits arise from having different kinds of people in Hope Chapel helping run the church?
4. How can Hope Chapel ensure that no one group of people is neglected?
5. What area of ministry can you fulfill at Hope Chapel because you see a need for assistance?

Apply it (15) – How can you help free your church leaders to focus on their mission off prayer, evangelism and teaching?