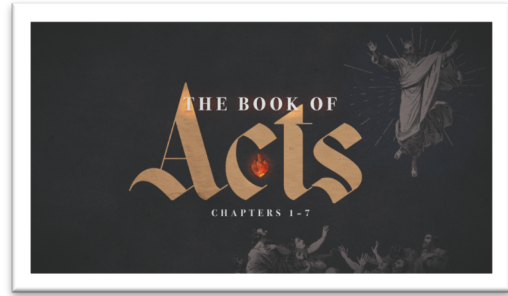


APPOINT TO THIS DUTY

ACTS 6:1-32 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD
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Whenever a church faces conflict or difficulties, I contribute to the resolution by identifying issues to be addressed (6:1-2), seeking to be part of the solution (6:3-5), praying for those in leadership (6:6), and anticipating God's continued work (6:7).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you complain do you do it in a good way or a bad way? How can complaining escalate a conflict?
2. What are some strategies you can suggest that help identify issues to be addressed within the church? (Acts 6:1-2)
3. Does it surprise you to see that the early church faced racial tensions that affected how they distributed food to widows? What can we learn from the way the apostles responded to this complaint? (Focus on what modern responses are absent vs. what spiritual responses are present in passage.)
4. Does the concept of Christian duty or responsibility bother you? How are you currently contributing to solutions by serving in your church, home, and community?
5. Think of the conflicts and tensions around you. How can you contribute with godly wisdom this week? What can you do differently when you are full of the Spirit this week?