

# 2024 - Family Devo

## Mar 17 - a



### READ: Acts 6:1-7

**Main Idea:** The church has experienced challenges from the Jewish authorities and an incident with a couple who lied about money donated. Now they will face a struggle from within regarding differences of background and possible prejudice. The solution is delegation. The apostles have the church choose godly men to give responsibility for overlooking this ministry to their widows. As a result, the church continues to flourish and grow.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Do you know what delegation means? It's trying not to do everything by yourself. They chose certain people to do certain jobs so that no one was trying to do it all. Let's look at VBS. Remember last year how awesome the decorations were? Do you think (our VBS coordinator) Kristen could have made all those decorations alone? No, she asked for help and was able to 'delegate' things to a lot of people to make it happen.

**Teen:** What characteristics should leadership in the church have? How does this help grow the Kingdom of God? How can we help those in such roles?

**Adult:** Sometimes it only takes a whisper – which becomes a huge outcry. What type of person are you? If you see something, do you think "Someone should do something about that?" Or do you think "I can do something about that?" Is there one thing that you have noticed and you could do for the church, that you are not doing already? It doesn't have to be a big thing...it can be small. What keeps you from doing it? Can you take steps today to make it happen?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Acts 4:12 (ESV)**

**"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."**



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## Mar 17 - b



### READ: Acts 6:8-15

**Main Idea:** One of the godly men chosen to oversee the widow's ministry will now be targeted. Certain Jews argued with him about his teaching of Jesus. But they were no match for God's wisdom granted Stephen through the Holy Spirit. When they could not argue successfully, they resorted to stirring up others to have him arrested and brought before the Jewish council to hear their false witnesses. Stephen was not alone. God through his Spirit was strengthening him.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Stephen was a man full of God's grace and power. He performed great wonders and signs among the people. Of course a group of Jews didn't like what he was doing. They couldn't argue with him, because they knew he spoke with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. So they had to attack him quietly, in secret, spreading lies about him.

**Teen:** Why were these Jews angry with Stephen? Was it Stephen, or God, they were rejecting? Are there still instances today of God's word being attacked? Have you ever witnessed such a situation?

**Adult:** Have you seen where a person who is losing an argument resorts to personal attacks on the other person in the argument? I know someone who just repeats their erroneous conclusion over and over as though that will make it correct. Why is it that when we cannot dispute someone's logic that we aren't willing to concede defeat? Do you think that the first century people patterned their behavior after the Council which also used false testimony to accomplish their goals?

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