

ACTIONS OF THE APOSTLES: CHAPTER 6

Growing Pains

Our study in Acts has moved from the birth of the church, through rapid growth to troublesome times. The last chapter focused upon the discipline and death of Ananias and Sapphira. This chapter opens with complaints. Roper in his commentary estimates the size of the Jerusalem church to be between 20,000-30,000 disciples at this time.

A. A Growing Church with Problems (1-6)

1. It is a myth to believe that churches should not have problems

S_____ churches have problems

D_____ churches have problems

W_____ churches have problems

G_____ churches have problems

- c_____ problem

- s_____ and p_____ problem

- people all have a _____, an _____ and differing levels of g_____ & expectations

What was the problem in the Jerusalem church?

Dealing with church problems can be difficult. Why?

The Success of Acts 6

1. Leaders were _____ to lead
2. The problem was _____ at
3. The congregation was _____: good communication
4. A plan involving others was implemented and _____
5. The work _____ on (7)

- The apostles were not too good to do this work. No one could _____ what they were doing.
- They did not _____ this task (3—put in charge of it)
- The problem was solved and the apostles continued their work

How do you find happiness in an imperfect church?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

How is this example a model for elders & deacons today?

B. The Ministry of Stephen (7-15)

1. Stephen was doing mighty miracles (8) and powerful preaching (10)

Opposition Arose Against Stephen

- They _____ with him (9)
- They told _____ about him (11, 13)
- They tried to _____ him (12)

What does it mean that Stephen's face was like an angel?

