

## **So the word of God spread**

### **Acts 6:1-7**

#### **Getting Started**

In these early chapters of Acts we see the Spirit of God growing the church as Satan also works to destroy the church. We observe the tactics of Satan:

- Persecution (Acts 4, 5)
- Corruption (Acts 5)
- Conflict and distraction (Acts 6)

How are you seeing these tactics being employed against the church today?

#### **Looking at the passage**

The mission of the God is to advance the gospel, to see the word of God spread. What are the ministries (ways of serving) highlighted in the passage to see this advance continue?

The urgent need of providing for the widows presents a challenge for the young Christian community. What are the qualities of apostolic leadership on display in Acts 6?

Did the apostles view the ministry of waiting on tables as inferior?

What constitutes a ministry of the word and prayer?

What is significant about the result of the election?

Why is it significant that so many priests became obedient to the faith?

#### **Thinking it through**

Who are the “widows” in our church community? Those who are vulnerable and marginalised who need our practical care. What are the practical ways we can work together to meet these needs?

As we observe the godly leadership of the disciples, what can we learn about handling the sensitive issues we face at GWAC?

How are we going at guarding the ministries of the word and prayer and care at GWAC? What are our opportunities to do better?

In the passage we observe the high value placed on every member ministry. What are the needs we are facing at GWAC? Where are you serving, or in what area(s) would you like to serve?

Serving can be exhilarating but also exhausting. How are you feeling? Is this a season where you need to take a break, maintain your role or step into something different?