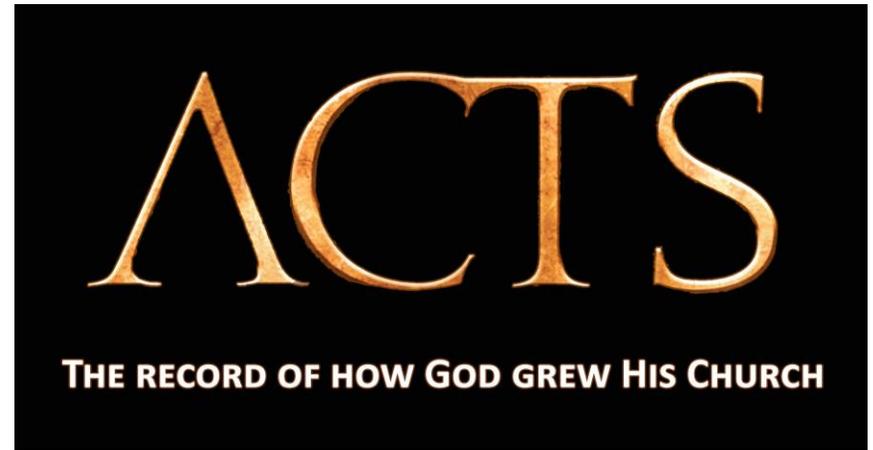


Personal Application and Interaction

1. The Winter Olympics are upon us. Which event has the greatest appeal to you...as a spectator or...as a wannabe participant?
2. Have you been praying for boldness when it comes to talking to people about Jesus? How have people responded to the two “hope” questions you have been asking them? [1. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of the word “hope”? 2. Some people say the resurrection of Jesus from the dead gives them great hope. How do you relate to that notion?]
3. What stands out to you about the way the early church addressed the issue of the fair treatment of their [Hellenistic/Greek] widows? What’s your personal take away from this?
4. What was so strategic about their solution to the widow problem? How are strategic plans working out in our lives and ministry?
5. What do you do to prepare yourself to effectively serve in the ministry of our church?
6. What are you doing to intentionally cooperate with God in the advancement of the gospel?



Pulling Together

Acts 6:1-11

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SpaceX, the brain child of Elon Musk, made headlines this week when he used their Falcon Heavy rocket to launch his personal Tesla roadster into space. It was the work of his dedicated team of dreamers, and they were jazzed by what they accomplished. It made news and likely stoked the envy of more than one rocket scientist. Back down on earth, the work of the gospel in the immediate months following Christ's ascension was turning heads and getting the attention of the enemies of Christ and Satan, the enemy of our souls. Something had to happen. He was pitting Christ followers against each other. So, the selection of seven Godly men to serve tables was the brilliant work of the Holy Spirit and, the applications for us today are compelling. The truth is:

Good thing happen when Christ's followers pull together

- ***The oneness for which Jesus prayed***
- ***He creates lasting results***

A serious concern (Acts 6:1-2)

A strategic plan (vs.3-4)

The selection process (vs.5-6)

The bottom-line (v.7)

What's our bottom-line?