

**March 30, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**  
**“The Critical Role of Deacons for Gospel Success” -- Acts 6:1-7**

**Questions to Answer from the Text:**

1. What problem arose in the Jerusalem Church (v. 1)?
2. Who made the decision to resolve the problem (v. 2a)?
3. How many people were involved in hearing the resolution (v. 2a)?
4. What did the leaders seek to avoid in solving the problem (v. 2b)?
5. What recommendation did the leaders present to the congregation (v. 3)?
6. What did the leaders (elders) determine to focus upon (v. 4)?
7. How did the congregation respond to the leaders' recommendation (v. 5a)?
8. How many people did the congregation choose to handle the problem (v. 5b)?
9. How were these men commissioned to their task (v. 6)?
10. What was a result of solving this problem (v. 7)?

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

11. What does ordination mean? (see the PCA *Book of Church Order*, Chapter 17, Section 2)
12. Why should deacons be ordained?
13. What authority do the deacons possess?
14. When a deacon is ordained in a single church, is that ordination recognized by other churches?  
Why or why not?
15. Does a deacon in one particular church have authority and position in another particular church?  
Why or why not?

16. For how long a time is a deacon ordained? (see *BCO* 24-7)
17. What is the nature of diaconal ministry? (see *BCO* 9-1)
18. What are deacons in a church to do? (see *BCO* 9-2)
19. What kind of people are qualified to serve as deacons (see 1 Timothy 3:8-13; *BCO* 9-3)?
20. How might the deacons be of help to you personally either now or in the future?