

BOOK OF ACTS // WEEK 10

SAVED TO SERVE

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GROWING TOGETHER

Share about an experience when you were able to serve others. How did you come to perform that act of service? How did it make you feel? Would you change anything about it? Share as much as you can remember.

GROWING WITH GOD

Read [Acts 6:1-7](#), [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#), & [Ephesians 4:11-12](#) aloud and go over your sermon notes with one another. (Answer all or some of the questions)

Pastor Jason told us if we have been saved then we've been called into ministry. Many times people think that only church leaders/staff have been called or are working in ministry when in reality, everything we do is people-related. No matter what business you're in or what product you sell, at the root of what you do will always be people. This may be a different perspective for you.

- **How is God calling you to do ministry in your own life?**
- **Why do you think many Christians feel that they can't or don't want to discuss their ministry/testimony with others?**
- **How has your testimony (spoken or unspoken) influenced someone else?**

Complaining and bickering can be commonplace anywhere from work, home, a coffee shop with friends, and on vacation. This was experienced in the early church when conflict developed over capacity issues due to rapid growth. In the emerging Gospel movement, a simple administrative oversight developed and as a result, there were complaints.

- **Talk about your own on-going journey of transformation from being self-centered (only seeing your own needs) to being Christ-centered (always seeing opportunity to take care of the needs of others).**
- **Was there an episodic event that changed your perspective?**
- **How often do you discover yourself going back and forth between the impulse to focus on yourself and the desire to focus on others?**

Pastor Jason touches on Acts 6:2 “So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables”. He mentions that this not saying that the concern of the believers and taking care of the widows was below them. It was an important ministry that needed great attention. The Apostles displayed a healthy boundary in service and ministry by acknowledging that they needed to select other believers to take on this ministry so they could do what God has called them to do and do it well.

- **Share with the group if you’ve ever experienced ministry burn-out because you took on more than what God has called you to do.**
- **Share your thoughts on what could have happened if the Disciples took on both the ministry of feeding and caring for the widows as well as their God-given calling of the “ministry of the word of God”.**

Catalyst Church and churches across America are seeing growth in ways that resemble times prior to COVID-19. Attendance is rising, tithing is on an upward trajectory, volunteers are making themselves available again, and many more measures of growth are being noticed.

- **As a growing church, what ways is God leading you to step up in different ways to serve the group, church, and community?**
- **What do you think is keeping you from serving within and outside of the church?**
- **Is there someone in the group that feels the calling to step out in faith to lead a group so others in the church can be fed in the way of having biblical community?**

GROWING IN OBEDIENCE & SCRIPTURE

The Gospel is a movement and churches are meant to grow.

Even good churches fail and good leaders make mistakes.

This week, complete the Spiritual Gifts Survey which can be found in the Resources tab of the [Planning Center app](#). If you don't have access to this resource, email the Groups Staff at carlos@catalystchurch.com or melissa@catalystchurch.com so they can equip you to discover the gifts and talents God has blessed you with so you can [serve others](#).

GROWING WITH CATALYST PEOPLE

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