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***LIFEgroup Discussion Questions***  
***The Spirit-Empowered Church***  
***May 1, 2016***

**Text:** Acts 6.1-15

1. What kind of church do you want to be a part of? Cruise-ship or Battleship? Like the first century church we have a clear and noble mission. What is that mission (Matthew 28.19)?
2. What obstacle arises in the church (6.1; James 1.27)? What are the surrounding issues with the two different groups of Jews (6.1)? How is the problem solved (6.2-6)? What is wrong if the apostles take on this role?
3. We are all called to serve, just as the apostles serve according to their calling and gifts and now these seven who serve the widows food. In what specific way are you serving right now and using your gifts for the kingdom of God (Mark 10.45)?
4. What do we know about these seven men both by the text and what is implied by such qualities being known by the church body (6.3; 2 Timothy 2.21-22)?
5. So, Luke, the author of Acts celebrates in 6.7. What is he celebrating? How do the priests coming to faith encourage you?
6. When we see Stephen witnessing in his everyday life how are we encouraged by his service to the widows and then to see what he does as a lifestyle (6.8-15)? How does his witness encourage and challenge us?
7. What does Stephen testify about Jesus and what does it mean (6.14; John 2.19, 21; Hebrews 7.25; Hebrews 9.12, 25-28; 10:10-12; Revelation 21.22-23)?
8. What changes do you need to make in response to what God has revealed in Acts 6?

**Pray.**