



## JULY 1 & 2

# WELCOME

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follow Jesus and fearlessly change the world.

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## THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN Acts 6:1-7

## Detoxing a servant lifestyle

## The problem: then and now

...the believers **rapidly multiplied**, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greekspeaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers...So the Twelve... teaching the **word of God**...running a **food program**. Acts 6:1-2

- Ethnicity, cultural, economic, busyness
- The Gospel AND social justice...the whole Gospel

#### • God's heart

*He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice...* Deuteronomy 10:18 *Free those...lighten the burden...remove the chains that bind people. Share your food...give shelter...Give clothes...Feed the hungry...help those in trouble. Then your light will shine...you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities...* Isaiah 58:6,7,10,12

#### Jesus' teaching...serve

And the King will say "I tell you the truth, when you did it to **one of the** *least* of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Matt 25:40

#### Jesus' story...love

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now **go and do the same**." Luke 10:36-37

#### Jesus' lifestyle...sacrifice

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he **became poor**, so that by his poverty he could **make you rich**. 2 Corinthians 8:9

## The solution: the magnificent seven

"...brothers, select seven men who are well **respected** and are full of the **Spirit** and **wisdom**. We will give them this responsibility..." Everyone liked this idea, and they chose... Acts 6:3,5

## Detoxing a servant lifestyle (cont.)

### Results and lessons

So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers **greatly** *increased* in Jerusalem, and many of the **Jewish priests** were converted, too. Acts 6:7

- The whole Gospel changes the world
- Greatness is serving

The greatest among you must be a servant. Matthew 23:11

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve"

#### Every believer is a minister with a ministry

Now these are the **gifts Christ gave** to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is **to equip** God's people to **do his work** and build up the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12

#### • Do for one

So let's not get tired of doing what is **good**. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the **opportunity**, we should **do good to everyone**... Galatians 6:9-10

## Embracing greatness

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13

Bible reading for July 2-8: 2 Kings 20-1 Chronicles 6, etc.