

## **Growing Pains**

### **Acts 6:1-7**

*The church responds to growing needs and inequity by raising up leaders full of the Holy Spirit and ready to serve.*

#### **1. The church acknowledges the issues and needs (v. 1-4)**

*The church of Jesus Christ has to be ready to face any and every relevant issue in our time, representing Jesus there.*

#### **2. The Church Responds by Appointing and Equipping Leaders (v.5-6)**

*The church has the responsibility to raise up leaders, full of the holy spirit and wisdom.  
Calvary Baptist Church must always continue to do this today!*

#### **3. The Church Experiences the Reward of Responding (v. 7)**

- The early church faced the issue and need
- The Apostles continued to preach the word
- The church appointed leaders to practically address the need by serving and caring for people.

##### **The Reward:**

- The word of God spread!
- The number of disciples increased rapidly
- Priests became obedient to the faith!!

\* Pray that we would continue to be a church that stands on God's Word as we face the issues of today, equipping leaders to care and serve those around us.

## **HEAD**

1. What does the passage say about God and what he cares about?
2. What does the passage teach us about the church and the witness it can have in the world?

## **HEART**

1. How does my heart line up with what is important to the heart of God?
2. How does God grow a heart of compassion and empathy toward widows, orphans, the poor, and the marginalized?

## **HANDS**

1. As you think about some of the issues we are facing in our time, how might you respond to these things with the mind of Christ and the heart of Christ?
2. How might your family practically serve the needs of others around you?