

# HOME GROUPS

## Discussion Questions for Acts 6 “The Seven Chosen to Serve” Week of November 1-7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Warm Up** For most of us, November and December are extremely busy seasons. What have you found to be helpful to emotionally and spiritually get through such seasons in the past?

### **Questions for Interaction**

- As a group, thumb through the first five chapters of Acts and summarize together what has taken place. Now, read all of Acts 6 aloud. What is your initial reaction when the disciples say, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.” ? (v.2) What might a modern equivalent of this situation look like?
- Read Romans 12:1-13 aloud. How do these verses relate to what you’ve just studied in Acts 6? What does it mean for love to be “without hypocrisy”? (v.9)
- In Acts 6:15, we see God’s Spirit upon Stephen as he makes a strong impression to the council. Even as those opposed to Stephen attempted to speak against him and convince others of his falsehood, the light of Christ shone through him. No matter what is being said about us as Christians, we can be authentic, loving, and sincere through the power of the Holy Spirit. Is there someone in your life who reminds you of Stephen in this way? What is this person like? Does their example inspire you to be different? How so?
- Walking with boldness and confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit is a major theme seen throughout Acts. How do think this boldness is attained practically? In what ways do you need boldness personally? Pray for one another to this end.

### **Wrap Up**

Take some time to lay hands on those who may need a *special* touch from Jesus this week. Pray specifically for their situation and that God may grant empowerment from the Holy Spirit to meet them in their time of need.