

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

**Sermon: Acts: A Church Is Born | Sharing The Load**

**Main text: Acts 6:1-7**

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS & QUESTIONS...**

### **Key Reflections/Quotes:**

- **Growth naturally creates strain.”**
- **“The issue that emerged wasn’t actually the issue.”**
- **“Delegation is a huge part of leadership.”**
- **“It’s about division of labor, not hierarchy of values.”**
- **“Teaching without compassion is failure. Charity without grounding in the gospel is an incomplete mission.”**
- **“You can’t be the church if all you’re doing is preaching without living what the preaching is about.”**
- **“Communion reminds the church that it was never meant to be built on great sermons or phenomenal care, but on Jesus Christ himself.”**

**“We cannot proclaim the gospel of God’s love with any degree of integrity if we don’t exhibit it in our own love for others... Nothing is so damaging to the cause of Christ as a church that is torn apart by jealousy, rivalry, slander and malice, or preoccupied with its own selfish concerns.”**

**John Stott**

### **Key Questions...**

- 1). Why do you think conflict often reveals deeper structural or heart-level issues rather than surface problems?
- 2). Do you tend to prioritize teaching & preaching over compassion, or compassion over care? What might balance look like in your life?
- 3). How does remembering Christ’s sacrifice reshape the way we handle division, responsibility, and service in the church?
- 4). In what specific ways can you help “share the load” in your church or small group?