

SERMON GUIDE

# THE ONES WE DONT SEE

Acts Acts 6:1-7

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## SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 2, Week 36)

Deut.6:4-5 (Godly Living)

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.


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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**rayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

### Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Have you ever had a neighbor that was culturally different than you? Was the relationship hard or easy? Why?

**Note About the Passage:** In the first century, many Jews were scattered all over the world. As they got older, many of them moved to Jerusalem to end their lives in the holy city. For this reason, Jerusalem had an unusually high number of widows. Many of those widows were "Hellenistic" – meaning that they had spent their entire lives living among the Greeks. They were culturally Greek, and they spoke and worshipped in Greek, not Hebrew.

### Read Acts 6:1-7

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** In your own words, what were the root issues between the Hellenistic and Hebraic Jews (v.1)?
  - How do you think the Hellenists were feeling? What are some potentially sinful responses they could have had to this situation?
  - How do you think the apostles were feeling? What are some potentially sinful responses they could have had to this situation?
- O** Cultural differences can easily become a source of division in the church. What do we learn from the response of the church in this story about how to maintain our unity and say, "I'm glad you're here," to people who are culturally different?
- O** Although Jesus isn't mentioned, what is he doing in the church through his Spirit in this story? Does this convict, challenge or comfort you? Why?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Is there anyone in your community that is being overlooked by the church because they're culturally different? Is there anything that God is asking you to do about that this week?
- A** In the sermon, Pastor Prince introduced us to an acronym: FRANCES – Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, Coworkers, Enemies, Strangers. In the coming month we're going to commit to asking for God's mercy in the lives of these people, and for opportunity to introduce them to Jesus. Do any names come immediately to mind?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.