



# MULTIPLY

Acts 6

Holy Bible

READ  
ME!



# BIBLE ROULETTE

**Matthew 27:5** *Judas went and  
hanged himself*

**Luke 10:37** *Go and do likewise*

**John 13:27** *What you are about to do,  
do quickly.*



**READ A BOOK**

**Psalm**  
**Job**

T H E  
**BIG**  
**GOD**  
STORY

past. present. future.

## GENESIS 12:1-3

*The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”*



## ISAIAH 49:6

*I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that my salvation may reach  
to the ends of the earth.*

THE  
GOSPEL



# GOSPEL IS A CHAIN OF GOOD NEWS EVENTS

**birth** of Jesus – Christmas

**life** of Jesus – lived a sinless life

**death** of Jesus –died in our place for our sins

**resurrection** of Jesus – Easter

**ascension** of Jesus



# KINGDOM

ALREADY BUT NOT YET





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It is not that **God** has a  
**mission** for his **church**,  
it is that **God** has a  
**church** for his **mission**.

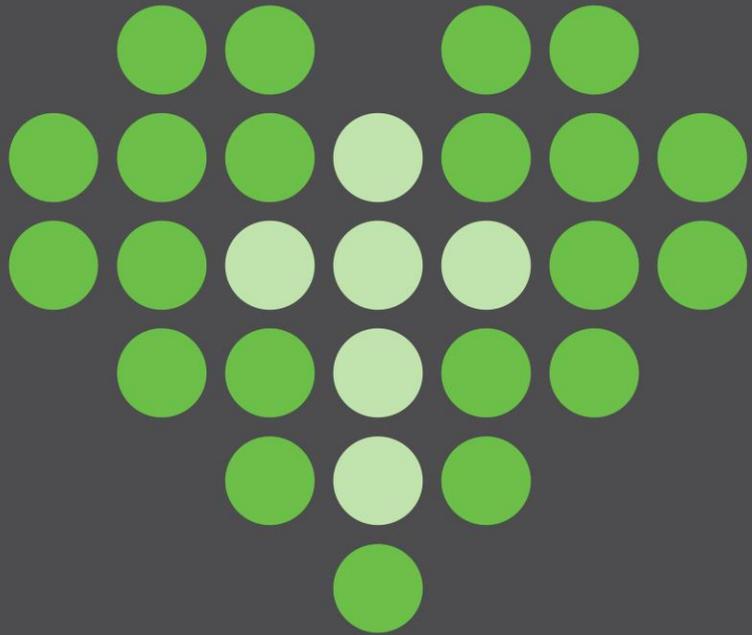
## EPHESIANS 3:10-11

*God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*

*This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.*



I love Jesus  
but I hate the church



i love the  
**CHURCH**



*multiply*  
A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS





We don't just **do** what **works**  
we **do** what's **true**.

Sometimes what **works**  
**takes** you off what is **true**.



***Ecclesia semper reformanda***

**The church is always being reformed**



**FROZEN CHOSEN**



# A MULTIPLYING CHURCH

## 1. *Cares* for the vulnerable

## ACTS 6:1

*In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.*

## ACTS 6:2-3

*So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.*

*Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them*



**PSALM 68:5**

*A father of the fatherless and a protector  
of widows is God in His holiness.*



scandalous  
justice

winnerable



## MICAH 6:8

*He has showed you what is good.  
What does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly,  
and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.*

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# NICHOLAS WOLTERSTORFF

the lower classes are

*not only disproportionately vulnerable  
to injustice, but usually disproportionately  
actual victims of injustice.  
Injustice is not equally distributed.*



*care for*



# A MULTIPLYING CHURCH

1. *Cares* for the vulnerable
2. *Reaches* the unconnected

## ACTS 6:7

*The word of God continued to increase and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.*

**OR RAZZ!**

**Acts 2:41**

*Those who received his word and were baptized and that day 3,000 souls were added.*

**Acts 4:4**

*Many of those who heard the word believed and the number of men came to about 5,000.*

**Acts 9:31**

*The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was being built up and they walked in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit and it multiplied.*

**Acts 11:21**

*The hand of the Lord was with them – the disciples – and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.*

**Acts 12:24** *The word of God increased and it multiplied.*

**Acts 13:49** *The word of the Lord spread throughout the whole region.*

**Acts 14:1** *At Iconium they entered a Jewish synagogue and spoke and a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed.*

**Acts 16:5** *The churches were strengthened in their faith and they increased in numbers daily.*

# NUMBER AFTER NUMBER

every **number** has a **name**

every **number** has a **story**

every **number** is a **person**

every **person** matters to God



# A MULTIPLYING CHURCH

1. *Cares for the vulnerable*
2. *Reaches the unconnected*
3. *Empowers leaders*

## ACTS 6:5

*They chose Stephen,  
a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit;  
also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon,  
Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch,  
a convert to Judaism.*

## ACTS 6:6-7

*They presented these men to the apostles,  
who prayed and laid their hands on them.*

*So the word of God spread.*

*The number of disciples in Jerusalem  
increased rapidly,*

*and a large number of priests  
became obedient to the faith.*



The church **should** do this...

We **need** the church to do this...

The church **ought** to...

## 1 PETER 4:10-11

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.*

## ACTS 6:2-5A

*So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” This proposal pleased the whole group.*



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A hand-drawn puzzle piece is centered on a bright yellow background. The piece is white and has a complex, irregular shape with several interlocking tabs and blanks. The word "LEADERSHIP" is written across the center of the piece in a bold, hand-drawn font. The letters "LEADER" are in black, and the letters "SHIP" are in pink. Two fingers are visible at the bottom of the frame, one on the left and one on the right, holding the piece in place.

LEADER SHIP



**lifegroups**



**SERVICE  
TO OTHERS**

## MATTHEW 9:36-38

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.*

*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*



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for an  
AUDIENCE  
& ONE



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