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2. Be _____ (vv.2-6)

3. See _____ (v.7)

Ac 6:1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. **2** And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. **3** Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. **4** But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." **5** And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. **6** These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. **7** And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.
(ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Peter 1:3-9**. What are some of the ways the Lord has tested your confidence in him and his provision?
2. Read **Psalms 33:13-19**. How would you explain the interrelationship between the righteous and godly fear of God, and our dependence on him and confidence in his provision?
3. Read **Deuteronomy 8:17-19**. How do the beginnings of a "forgetfulness of God" manifest themselves in a Christian's life?
4. Read **Isaiah 48:9-11**. Why is it critically important to remember that God is working out *his* purposes through us individually and corporately as a church?
5. Read **Matthew 28:18-20** and **Exodus 4:10-13**. As you consider God's purposes to glorify himself through evangelism and discipleship, how can you make sure his investments in your life are not squandered due to a faltering faith?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

January 3rd

Gen. 6-8 & Mt. 3

January 4th

Gen. 9-11 & Mt. 4

January 5th

Gen. 12-14 & Mt. 5:1-26

January 6th

Gen. 15-17 & Mt. 5:27-48

January 7th

Gen. 18-19 & Mt. 6

January 8th

Gen. 20-22 & Mt. 7

January 9th

Gen. 23-24 & Mt. 8

January 10th

Gen. 25-26 & Mt. 9:1-17

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 15-33 – **The Fear of God**

Msg. 16-01 – **The Fear of Not Having Enough**

Msg. 19-13 – **Fearless**

Msg. 11-30 – **Sacrificial Leaders & Replicating Ministries**

Msg. 10-39 – **Learning to Rest in the Sufficiency of God**

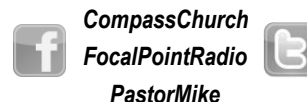
Msg. 10-20 – **Reasons for Confidence No Matter What**

Msg. 19-31 – **Coached by the Right Leaders**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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