

# Unhindered by division

**Acts 6:1-7**

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service  
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# 1. Acknowledge the problem (v1)

## Acts 6v1

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.

“Church disunity always has the potential to slow down the flow of the gospel, as a fractured church is rarely missionary focussed and evangelistic in orientation. Disunity saps our emotional resources – we are so busily engaged within the fellowship that we have no strength left to reach out.”

David Cook

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## Acts 6v3-4

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.

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- The apostles' proposal (v3-4)
- The church's response (v5-6)



### 3. Know your niche

## Acts 6v7

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.