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Talk Together:

1. What was the problem that arose as the church grew (6:1)?
2. How did the apostles address the problem (6:2-3)?
3. How did it impact the growth of the church (6:7) and why?
4. What qualifications were required of the men appointed to serve?
5. Would you be willing to carry out the task they were assigned to do?

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In what ways can you serve God at home, in school, at the office, church, small group, etc.?

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