

DIGDEEPER

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Acts 6:1-11 ([Listen Online](#))

THE BIG IDEA

If we want to be a church of people who live outward focused lives, we must practice that outward living by the way we serve one another within the body. The way we care for and serve one another will be a primary means of testimony to the world of what we believe and who we belong to. Serving each other sets us apart from the culture and prepares us to go out into it and share the love of Jesus.

START A CONVERSATION (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

- When has someone gone above and beyond to serve you?

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Why do we make such a big deal of serving one another? Where in the Bible do we learn *why* and *how* Christians are to serve one another?
- What kind or group of people do you find it most easy to serve? Most difficult?
- The passage we looked at today (Acts 6:1-11), tension is eased by service. When have you been involved in a similarly tense situation that was transformed by service?
- How are you currently serving in the church? And in what ways is your serving in the body preparing or training you to serve outside of it?
- Opportunities to serve others are nearly endless. Where in your everyday life do you see an opportunity to serve others?

GO DEEPER

- Serving others is not simply a task. It is [a source of joy in the Christian life](#). In this short and helpful article, Jim Fowler outlines some of those specific joys.
- Ken Jones shows us biblical examples of how using our gifts to serve others can both [edify the body and evangelize the lost](#).
- Rick Warren reminds us how [serving is the way we fulfill the call of God](#) on our lives.

LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

Take time this week to prayerfully consider Jesus' words in Matthew 20:25-28. Spend time thanking him for how he came to serve you and asking him how you might now serve others in your church. If he answers in a way that leads you to a specific ministry, take time to let us know by clicking I'm Interested in Serving at uhbc.net/servethechurch.