

**CONGREGATION**

KEY THOUGHTS: Celebrating the glory of God, Creating opportunities for fellowship, Loving God with one another, Developing Sunday service, Congregation building events

**COMMUNITY**

KEY THOUGHTS: LifeGroup leader support and training, developing new LifeGroups, targeting new areas of need, LifeGroup materials, training

**CULTIVATION**

KEY THOUGHTS:

truth and grace, developing teachers, strengthening believers, curriculum, collaborating with the needs expressed from the other C's

**CONSOLIDATION**

KEY THOUGHTS: Training mentors, counsellors, spiritual breakthrough; devising a way to support and implement

**COMMISSION**

KEY THOUGHTS: Corporate opportunities for sharing, cross church interactions, "kickstarter" projects, supporting new ideas,



# CONGREGATION

Gathering for the Glory of God

Gathering as his flock

Gathering to hear and respond





# COMMUNITY

Gathering as communities of faith  
Gathering as communities of grace  
Gathering as communities of light





# CULTIVATION

Gathering to grow in knowledge

Gathering to grow in truth

Gathering to grow in action



# CONSOLIDATION

STRENGTHENING YOUR HISTORY  
STRENGTHENING YOUR PRESENT  
STRENGTHENING YOUR FUTURE





COMMISSION

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Experiments. Trials. New Ventures.

Grow in your mind.  
Grow in knowing what's right.  
Grow in knowing what's true.

ACTS 6:1-7

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. 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. 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. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 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. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.



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## CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

The Hellenists were Greek-speaking Jews from the Diaspora (“dispersed” Jews living outside Palestine). Their primary language was Greek. The Hebrews were native Palestinian Jews who spoke Aramaic as their primary language and had attended the Hebrew-speaking synagogues. Not as fluent in Greek, they seem to have overlooked the Hellenist widows unintentionally.

That is, of provisions for the needy.

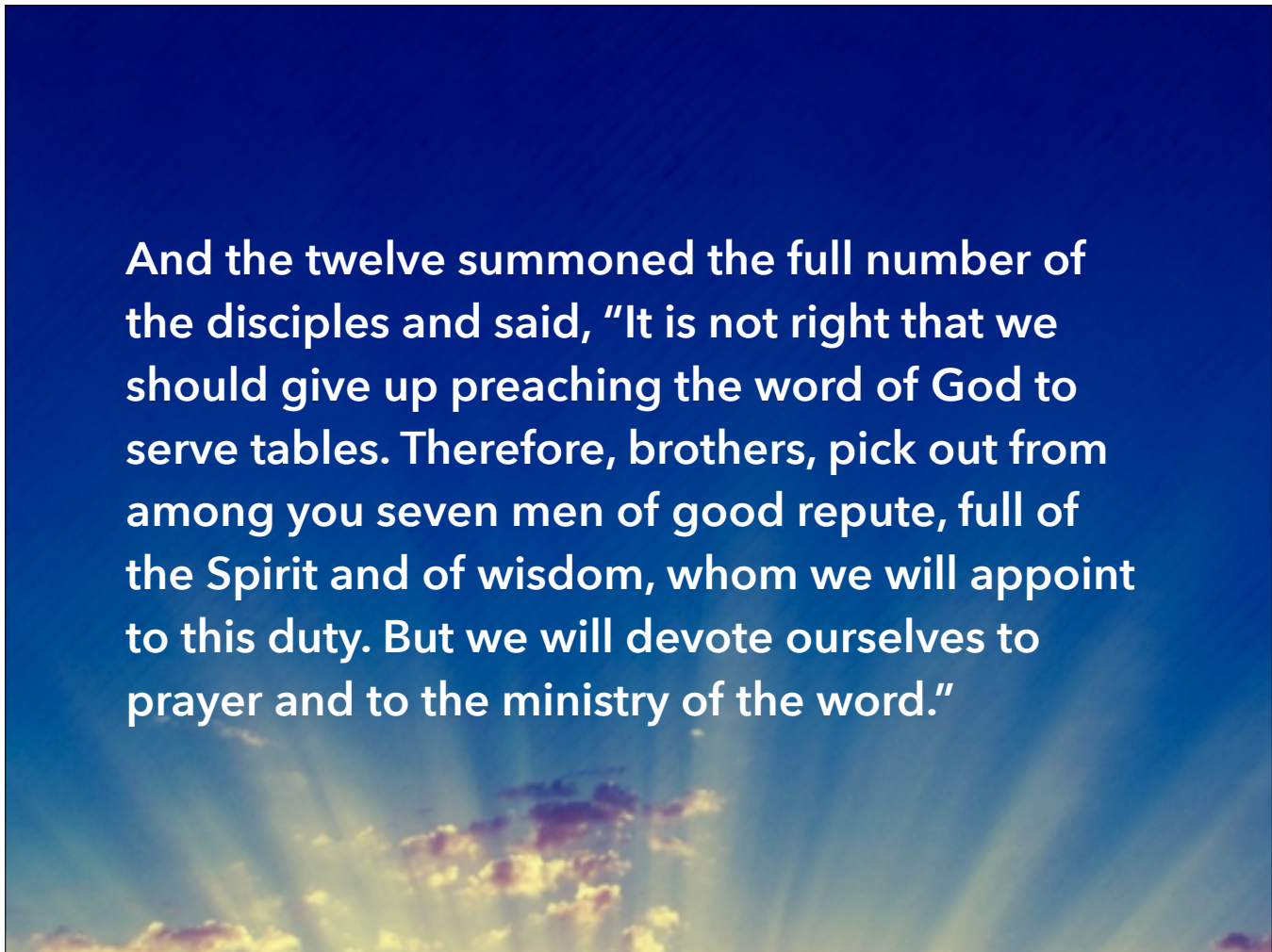


SEEING THE NEED

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COMPLAINING

Actually complaining and seeing a need are very similar. They both realise that there's something missing, that something's not right. But at the same time,



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When there's a complaint, the first thing to happen is: to tell someone to do something about it.

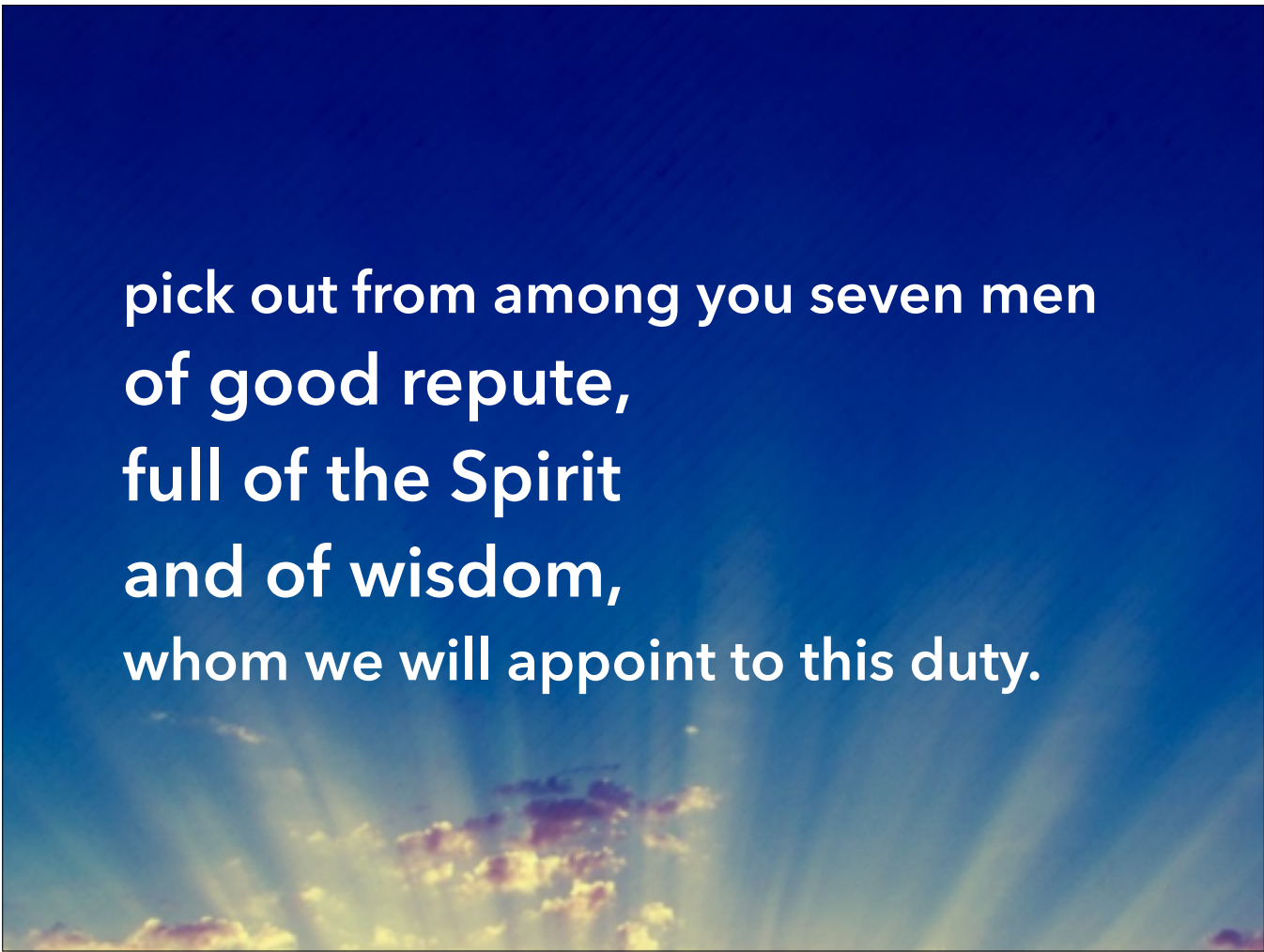
And so much of life is trying to react to complaints.

Now reading this, it sounds a lot like. But there's a deeper thinking behind all of this. It's a recognition of the need, and figuring out a way forward with it.

but I want to focus on what they did.

# DEVELOPED DISCIPLES





pick out from among you seven men  
of good repute,  
full of the Spirit  
and of wisdom,  
whom we will appoint to this duty.

the spiritual reputation isn't based on others opinions of you, but on your spiritual character, your love, your life — legitimacy of character

μαρτυρουμένους (martyroumenous)

well spoken of, of good reputation, honest report, well attested,

root is from bear witness, testify, good testimony

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OF GOOD REPUTE  
WELL SPOKEN OF  
WELL ATTESTED

In other words, the spiritual character of a person, is evidenced in their life and relationships with others.



# FULL OF THE SPIRIT

Full of the Spirit and wisdom

Bearing spiritual fruit

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Self-Control

Being filled causes us to be ambassadors of God

it's not about gaining gifts for yourself, but it's about being on God's mission

Demonstrating God's power and love to our dying world

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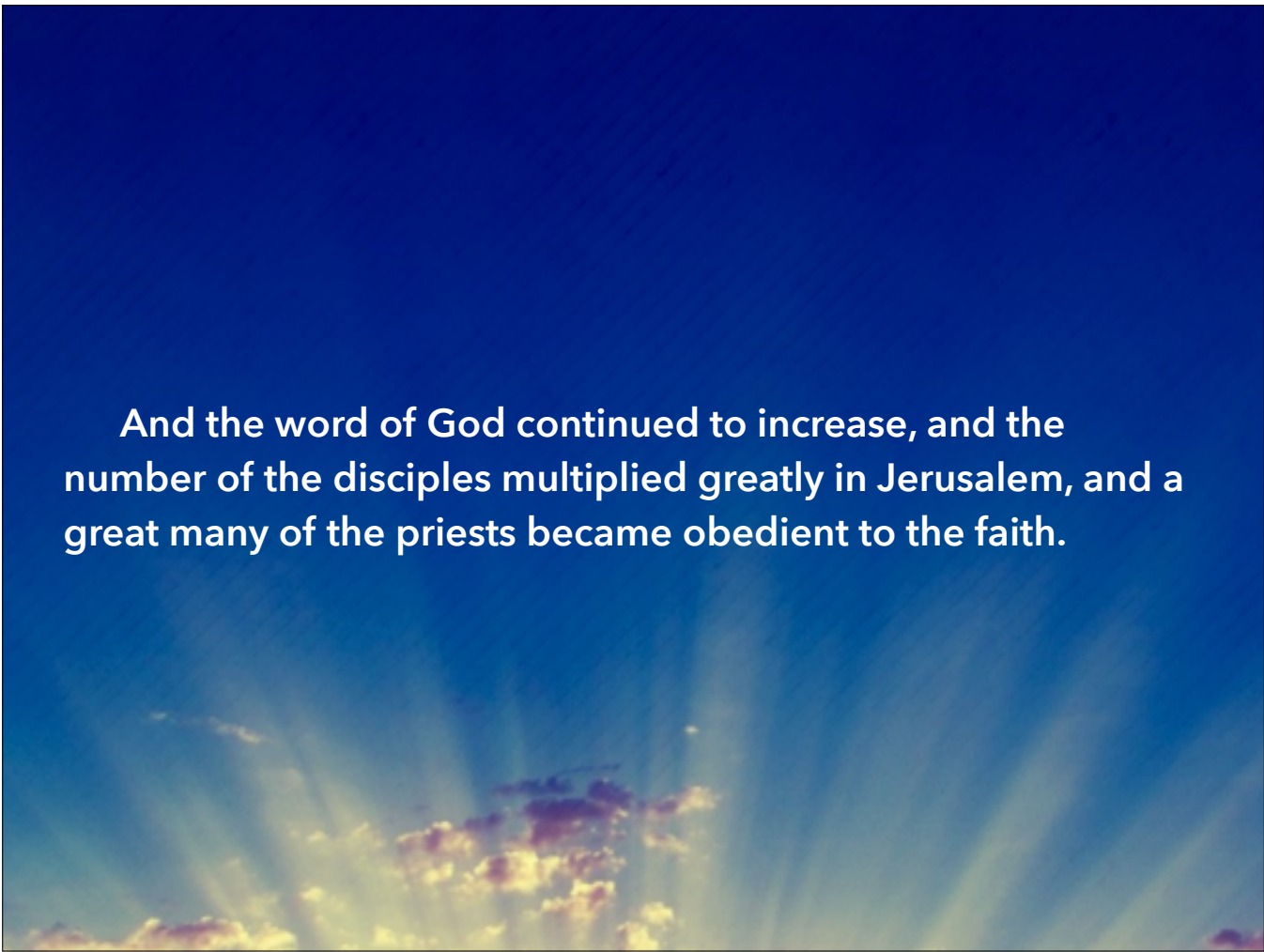
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# AND OF WISDOM

Wisdom. Knowing what to do. Knowing how to handle situations



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.

growing into adulthood — spiritual, physical, emotional, mental

# KNOWING THE MISSION: DISCIPLESHIP

Proclaiming God.  
Being filled with the Spirit



Dear God

1. Refine my character. Let my identity be defined by you, so my character represents you.
2. Let me be full of your Spirit – inspired, pressed, encouraged to serve, declare, love, bless.
3. Enable me to demonstrate God's power and love to our dying world

in Jesus name,

Amen

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