

Communities Questions and Discussion

For the week of: August 28, 2011

- 1. Read Acts 6:1-7. It's hard to believe the church was growing so rapidly, but yet there were grumblings! It's easy to talk about other people who grumble, but if we're honest we all do it! Why is that? Why do you think you (not other people) are drawn to grumbling and discontentment in the church? What kind of spiritual warfare may be in play?
- 2. The grumblings in this passage could have been justified as legitimate needs. However, the apostles clarified what they cared most about reproducing disciples. How would you reconcile James 1:27 with this passage? What could this teach us about different churches reaching different people and meeting different needs? Have you experienced this at OneLife or seen examples where our church has prioritized?
- 3. The people chosen to carry on this important task weren't just people who were interested. They met some pretty serious criteria. What three qualities did they display, and why was that important? How can you strive to be a person capable of this level of responsibility? How can we as a community hold each other accountable to this (think real-world examples!)?
- 4. The implications of changing what they cared about and implementing some logistical changes as a result were huge! How can this be a vision for OneLife as we change what we care about and make our own logistical changes? What can YOU do to be part of the change so we can see the same results in Knoxville and East Tennessee?
- 5. As a church, we are changing what we care about. We want to be a church that makes disciples who reproduce disciples. How does that change your day-to-day lifestyle, choices, relationships, etc.? Take prayer requests from the group asking how each person can do this throughout the week, Come back next week prepared to discuss the successes and challenges of this.