

## 20/20 VISION

### “Serve”

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Acts 6:1-7 (ESV)

#### THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM: A Missional Church’s Problem of Growth

1. The Jerusalem church was a growing missional community (6:1a)
2. The Jerusalem church faced challenges caused by the growth (6:1b)
3. The Jerusalem church solved the problem by designating lay leadership and involving the members to serve (6:2-6)
4. The result was that the Jerusalem church continued to grow (6:7)

#### YNCC’s Solution to the Problem of Growth:

Designate **lay leadership** and involve all the people to **serve in ministry**.

#### ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SERVING IN MINISTRY

1. It enables my church (including me) to **grow spiritually** (Ephesians 4:11-16).
2. God holds me **accountable to utilize** for his kingdom the various “talents” he has given me (Matthew 25:14-30).
3. It enables my church to be **missional** (Acts 6:7)

#### CENTRAL TRUTH:

A solution to problems of growth in a missional community is to designate lay leadership and for people to serve in ministry.

1. In Acts 6, the Jerusalem Church faced problems caused by growth. What are some challenges that you have personally experienced at YNCC because of our church size and growth?
2. For the Jerusalem Church, a solution to a problem they faced was to designate lay leadership and involve the people of the church in ministry. In what capacity are you serving at our church? Share what your experience has been like.

[If you’re currently not serving, then go to [www.ynccla.org](http://www.ynccla.org), click on “Get Involved” tab and “Call to Serve” link, and check out the various serving opportunities available at YNCC].

3. If you are serving now or have served previously, what benefit(s) have you experienced or what fruit have you observed in our church as a result of you serving?
4. What one insight from the teaching seems most personally significant to you right now?
5. What action can you take in the next week to bring about transformation that you seek in yourself in response to today’s teaching?

#### CHURCH PRAYER TOPICS

1. Prayer for Kingdom Impact (for active involvement in small groups, Pathways, daily devotional, and service projects; YNCC cultural change to be more missional, vital involvement in meeting needs of our communities)
2. For God to provide an Evangelism Pastor.
3. For LifeGroup Ministry (e.g., health of new and existing LifeGroups, leadership, for more people to join and grow).