## **Sermon-based Discussion Questions**

"Deacon Ministry" from 11/22/2020 Acts 6:1-7

<u>SPOILER ALERT</u>: You may not want to read these until AFTER you have heard the sermon.

- 1. What is the first thing that pops into your mind when you hear the word "Deacon"? In your own words, how might you define the ministry of a Deacon?
- 2. According to Acts 6:1, what particular challenge was the early church running into? What are some of the cultural and communication differences within a church that has diverse people groups? What are some of the organizational and administrative challenges as a church grows in numbers?
- 3. If we become aware of a ministry need that is being overlooked at E-Free Bemidji, how should we respond to it? What are some wrong responses we should avoid?
- 4. According to Acts 6:2-4, why did the twelve Apostles recommend choosing seven men to help with the problem in verse 1? How does this demonstrate the importance of strategic focus and good organization within ministries?
- 5. Talk about why "waiting on tables" and "prayer and ministry of the word" are both important in the church. What other verses in the Bible might speak to this?
- 6. What ministry area do you think God has called you to at E-Free Bemidji? What are some good ways to plug into the various ministries of the church? Check out our website tab https://efcbemidji.org/serve/