



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Deacons / Servants **Community Life Group Questions for 05.29.11**

The word for deacon in the New Testament originally described a servant who “stirred up dust while waiting on tables.” As a deacon, major attention is given to serving God under the leadership of the elders and staff in the practical ministry of the church.

Read Acts 6:1-7

1. How did the Apostles find out about the problem of certain widows being overlooked in the daily serving of food? What was the process that was followed to resolve this problem?
 - By the members?
 - By the Apostles?
 - By the seven appointed men?
2. Reading both Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 discuss what the qualifications of being a deacon are according to scripture. Are these qualifications similar to the qualifications of being an elder (See 1 Timothy 3:1-7)? What are the main differences between the position of elder and deacon?
3. Read again 1 Timothy 3:11. What does this verse say about the moral qualifications of the spouse of a deacon? Why is the deacon’s spouse (... or elders wife) so important in the ability for that leader to carry out their function?
4. In view of some of these passages, as well as Dave Cetti’s teaching on deacons this past Sunday; how do you think a deacon ministry could help FBC elders and the FBC family? Do you think the office of deacon is easy or difficult? Why or Why not?

Prayer Time:

Please spend time praying for the biblical formation of a Deacon ministry at FBC.