



## Week 8 | Acts 6:1-7 | It Takes The Whole Church



**IT TAKES A CHURCH**  
WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER  
THAN WE CAN DO ON OUR  
OWN

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

We had only lived in New England for a year when we became aware of the Red Sox World Series woes, aka "The Curse of the Bambino." For 86 years the Red Sox lived in a World Series drought but that was about to end in 2004.

Oddly enough, the World Series was easy for the Sox to win. It was the American League Championship that was the challenge. Down 3 games to 0 to the Yankees, the Red Sox pulled off an epic comeback led by Mark Bellhorn. I know you're thinking, "Who is Mark Bellhorn." He was a nobody; a mediocre 2nd baseman with a horrible batting average. And yet, it was his heroics that ended the 86-year World Series drought.

It reminds us of a few things. Don't ever count any team member out, everyone has something to contribute. And winning truly does take the whole team.

In our case, it takes a church and everyone's contribution counts!



### WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek. Video sessions are available for download at [cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



### PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and share some positive experiences you've had of working together with other believers to accomplish a goal or serve in a ministry.



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(10 min)

How did God give you the victory this week when faced with temptation?

**Please share with the group.**



## REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. There's no shortage of problems in the church. When they arise, they provide an opportunity for us to either complain or to solve and serve. When there's a problem how should you respond? Is that different than how you do respond? How can you be more committed to being part of the solution, and how can you influence others to do the same?
2. Our Christian culture is very consumer driven. Many people view the church solely as a place to have their "felt-needs met", not as a place to engage and serve. What are some of the characteristics of consumer Christians? How does Jesus' life give us an example of servanthood? Share some examples from the Bible.

***Our unstated but very apparent goal after conversion is to feed ourselves, protect our families, live in a bubble and get to heaven.***

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***For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.***

Mark 10:45

3. The qualities of those who would be faithfully serving the widows were: full of faith, full of wisdom and full of the Holy Spirit. Describe those qualities. Take personal inventory and describe what those qualities look like in your life. What areas represent the greatest need for growth? Create a growth plan.
4. What kind of impact would the church have on the world if more Christians were faithfully serving God in some capacity? If you're not serving in a ministry, pray and ask God how you can become more involved in what He is doing at CCLV.



## REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, as you are seeking Him for guidance take a step of faith to serve Him.

**Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how serving God impacted your life and the lives of those you served!**