



People Who Give Away Power

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Reflect + Discuss

- Have you witnessed someone give their power away to someone else? If so, what was that experience like?
- Read Acts 6:1-7 and discuss any/all of the following:
 - What was the problem the early church was facing, and why was it so serious?
 - What was the church's response to this problem, and why was this remarkable?
 - Why did a large number of priests start following Jesus?
- Read Philippians 2:3-8. Knowing that Jesus is a king who gave His power away, discuss the following:
 - In what ways does giving away power to others reveal God's character and draw people to Him?
 - In what ways is giving power away challenging to you?
 - What are some areas of your life where you have power?
 - What could it look like for you to follow Jesus' example by giving power away within your spheres of influence (your neighborhood, school, work, etc.)

Dig Deeper

- To dig deeper into the topic of God's multicultural, multilingual Kingdom, check out the Bible Project's podcast: *Family of God, God's Global Family* ([Episode 1](#)).

Pray

- Meditate on Philippians 2:3-8. Give space for the Holy Spirit to illuminate areas of your life where you can be intentional about giving away power to those who are marginalized. Ask God for wisdom, courage, and perseverance as you move forward in this effort.

Next Steps

- Read Acts 6:1-7 every day this week. Meditate on the story – try to immerse yourself in it and use your imagination to think about what the Hellenistic Jews were thinking, what the Hebraic Jews were thinking, and what the 12 disciples were thinking. Then, talk to your

friends about it, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you figure out what the story means for your life.

- Set aside some time to reflect on the areas in your life where you have influence and power. Write down each area. Then, think of at least one tangible way you can give away power in each area. Be intentional about moving towards giving away power in one area this week, then move on to another area next week, and so on. Take time to reflect and journal about this process as you go, taking note of any tensions that come up, ways you see God moving, etc.