

SERMON NOTE

Our First Priority as Christians (Acts 6:1-7)

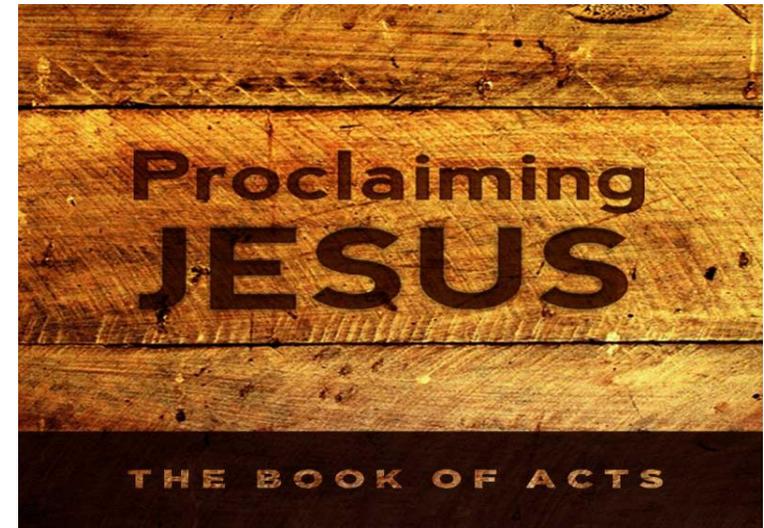
1. The Story of Mahatma Gandhi
 - a. If we refuse, we are ignored or harassed.
 - b. The nature of design of Christianity is to allow Christ's teaching to unite God's people by overcoming these distinctive barriers
2. Acts 6:1a
 - a. 'who follows the word of God' and 'who lives by the word of God'
 - b. In those days
3. Acts 5:41; Acts 5:42
4. Acts 6:1b
5. Acts 6:2
6. First, they didn't waste any time in admitting that they were wrong.
7. Acts 6:3
8. UMH #454
Open my eyes, that I may see; Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key; That shall unclasp, and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
9. Second, they realized what their first priorities were.
10. Acts 6:4
11. 1) Realize your wrongdoings by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit, 2) First priorities should be praying and ministering of the word.
12. Esther 4:14

Welcome to

Worship

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Our Vision: To Know God, to experience the Holy Spirit and to share God's love (Vision 2019: Proclaim Christ.)



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship begins with the Prelude

Prelude

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Words of Grace and Greeting

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore, he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! (Isaiah 30:18)

****Hymn of Praise #462** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

**Call to Worship

The Word of God is planted in our hearts.

May our hearts be receptive to the Word.

The Love of God rains down on us.

May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.

The Breath of God blows softly within us.

May our minds be stirred by the power of God's Spirit. AMEN.

Congregational Prayer Time

Silent Prayer and Confession are spiritual disciplines that lead us into a deeper relationship with God. As we approach God in individual moments of silence, we come not alone but in community. In confession, we open our hearts to the hearing of God's word

Pastoral Prayer

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Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

**Doxology (UMH 95)

**Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we have become anesthetized to the amount of greed surrounding our everyday lives. Our identities often seem defined by our possessions and lifestyle. Yet, we are stripped bare of our worldly possessions and seen equally in your holy sight. Release those temporal bonds preventing us from living and giving in ways that honor your name. We prayerfully dedicate these gifts to the work of your eternal home, a place of faith where our souls will truly rest. AMEN.

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-7

Hymn of Preparation #368

My Hope Is Built (Refrain Only)

Message

Our First Priority as Christians

Holy Communion

**Hymn of Dedication

With All I Am (insert)

**Dismissal with Blessing

**Stand if you are able

COMING UP

- Today, Communion, Backpack, Senior Dinner
- Wednesday, August 7 UMW at 1:30 pm
- Sunday, August 11 Church in the Park – Meat will be provided
- Monday, August 12 Elizabeth Circle at 12 pm
- Monday, August 12 Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Thank you for the bright, warm prayer blanket. I believe in the power of prayer and I appreciate all that have been said for me. May God bless you all. Diane Deselms