



# **That None are Overlooked**

Acts 6:1-7

# The Challenge of Diversity

- We are becoming more diverse in our culture
- It is easy to overlook people not just like us
- A Bible problem in NT people being overlooked
  - Early church struggled with this issue
  - Genesis 12:1-3 / Galatians 3:6-9, 26-29
  - Acts 1-6 the church had growing problems

# 1 Certain people can receive different care in same church

Acts 6:1-7 The church was caring for its own in need

“Hellenists” (Jews from Greek world) treated differently

- A growing church having growing problems
- The discriminated ones had to call it out
- The response was not to acknowledge the problem
- The Hellenists just wanted to be treated the same
- By dealing with the problem the church again grew

## **2 We can ignore certain types people with the gospel**

### John 4 - Jesus' willingness to reach the Samaritans

- Woman's reaction to Jesus's speaking to her
- She went to tell others of finding the Messiah
- The disciples bring food but Jesus has another food
- Our differences hinder relationships talking to others
- We have to be willing to cross cultural lines like Jesus

## **3 Differences affect how we associate with each other**

Galatians 2:11-16 Paul sees hypocrisy in Antioch

- We only spend time with people like us
- Paul was crossing cultural lines to take the gospel
- He sees the Jewish people separating from Gentiles
- He confronts Peter to his face
- Your association ought to reflect the glory of God



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