



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	21-04-2024		iServe in mission and ministry
Start	How many different roles are found in a hospital? List as many as you can in 60 seconds. Who has the most?		
Discuss	 In a hospital, what happens when one of these roles is absent or not functioning?: admissions administrator, surgeon, domestic services assistant (cleaner), paramedic, pharmacist. How do each of these roles contribute to the mission & ministry of saving lives/ improving health? Now list as many different volunteering areas/ roles within Chester Road. How does each contribute to our mission and ministry? When you volunteer (iServe), to what extent do you feel you are contributing to Chester Road's mission and ministry? Is there any area of volunteering (iServe) you'd like to pick up or put down? 		
Read	<u>Acts 6:1-8</u>	J Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
Explore	 v.1: How/ why were 'those days' fulfilling God agenda? See Joel 2:28-32 & Acts 2:1-21 After 5+ years of growth/ increase, how might Peter & the Apostles have been feeling? Why was growth leading to grumbling, tension? Who between? What did they all have in common? (e.g. faith, age, bereavement, church community) What made them dissimilar to one another (e.g. culture, ethnicity, history, language, length of faith, power/ privilege) v.2-4: How was this like a Church Members' Meeting? See Acts 4:36-37 Why, despite Joel 2 & Acts 2, did the (male) Apostles specify only <i>'men'</i> could be chosen? v.5-6: What did the 'whole group' comprise? What does it say that they were pleased to only chose those with Greek names? Why do that? Why did the Apostles 'lay hands' on them? What was that conveying? v.7: What happened to the mission & ministry as a result? What was now enabling this? Why did Priests now respond? v.8: What was Stephen like? What happened to him? Why? 		
Go further	Read Exodus 18. What had Moses been attempting to do? What effect was that having on others? On Moses? What was Jethro's wisdom? What needed to happen for this to work? What impact did this have on the mission and ministry?		
Reflect	 Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? How does what you do contribute to Cheser Road's mission and ministry? 		

Do	□ Volunteer to serve at Chester Road.	
Pray	Say slowly and repeat multiple times: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen. Glory to the Father, and to the	
My questions:		

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