

## THREE THINGS HAPPENED IN JERUSALEM (ACTS 6:1-7)

- The Context in Acts: gospel growth overcoming obstacles
- The problem which emerged: distraction from word ministry (v.1)
  - life-threatening
  - gospel-undermining
  - distressing

### 1. They upheld the priority of gospel ministry! (2)

Christians all have 2 kinds of ministry: *creation ministry* and *new creation ministry*

6 reasons to maximise gospel ministry in ourselves and in others:

- Gospel ministry was Jesus' priority
- Gospel ministry meets people's deepest need
- Gospel ministry brings the deepest social change
- Gospel Ministry grows the kingdom of God
- Gospel Ministry is God's priority
- Gospel Ministry glorifies God

### 2. They managed team-building kindly! (3-4)

### 3. They ensured the needy were cared for! (5-6)

- The church provided food for the church family
- A loving church is usually a growing church

⇒ Conclusion: three things happened in Jerusalem

⇒ As the person God has made you, with the privileges God has given you, in the circumstances God has placed you, what can you do to *maximise gospel ministry – in yourself and in others?*