



Study Group: Participant Guide
Elements: Leadership – March 11th-17th

CHECK-IN

*An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.*

DISCUSSION

Main Topics: Leadership, Character, Navigating Conflict

Review

- Let's take some time to look back over the last few weeks. Since we began our Elements series, has God significantly changed any areas of your life or your views on the topics we've been discussing?
 - If not, is there something God has shown you that you deeply desire to grow in? If so, how can we as a group help you in this process?

Read Acts 6:1-7

- Why must we discuss what healthy church leadership looks like?
- What issues are present in this passage that leaders need to be ready to navigate?
- How was this situation handled well by the apostles, the church body, and those selected for leadership?
- In Acts 1:1-11 we see Jesus redirect the disciples' focus onto God's Kingdom. How does having this focus help us become healthy leaders in the church?
- Why is Christlike character the foundation for healthy church leadership?
- Why must we develop strong church leadership but, at the same time, avoid putting all our hope in human leadership?
- Pastor Matthew said the priests and rulers were jealous, insecure, and fearful of men. How can we protect ourselves from becoming like this?
 - What Scriptures help us in this pursuit?
- As we saw in the priests and rulers, spiritual leaders are not perfect. How are we called to respond to unhealthy church leadership?
- Pastor Matthew said church leaders are called to speak up. How do you see this occur throughout the passage in Acts 6 and elsewhere in chapters 1-6?
 - What thoughts or excuses tempt you to keep from speaking up?
- Why isn't Christlike character enough to justify taking on a certain level of leadership?
- Pastor Matthew said church leadership must be coordinated. How can we work well together and remain united while having significant disagreements or convictions?

Reflect

- What practical step will you take this week to prioritize the element of Leadership your walk with Christ?