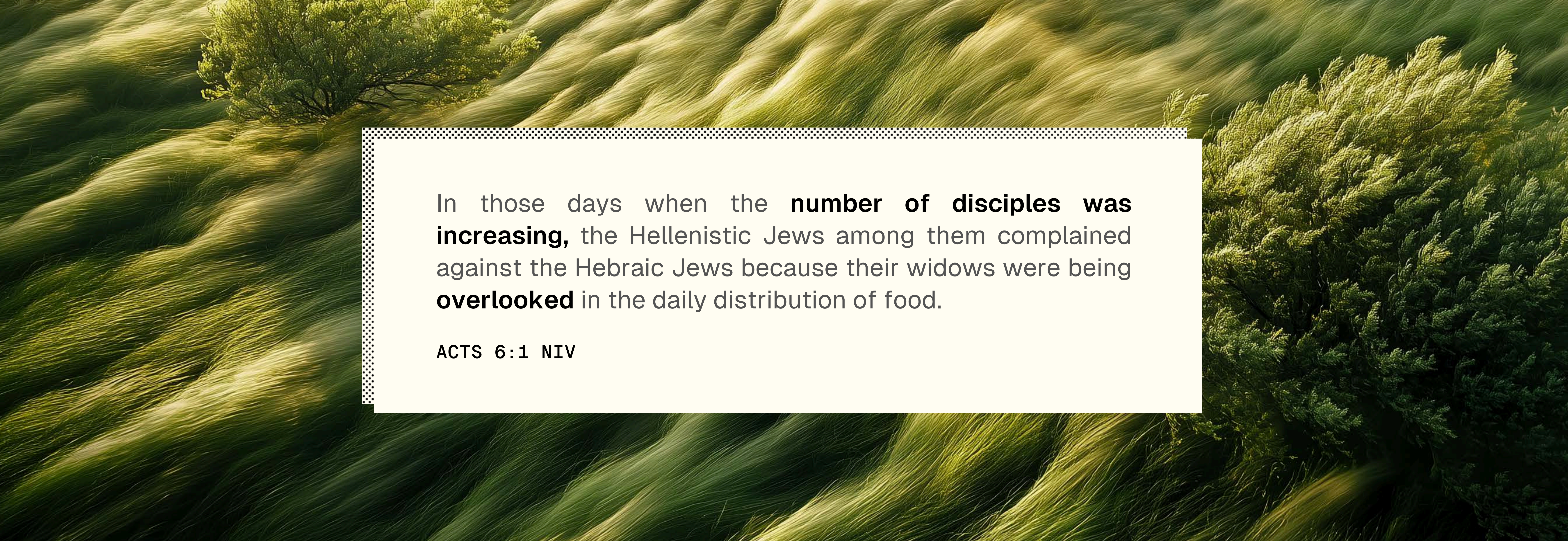


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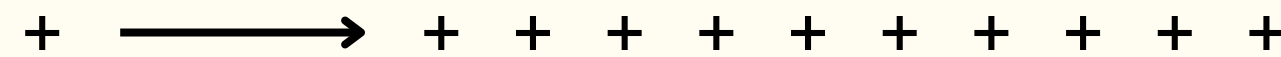


In those days when the **number of disciples was increasing**, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being **overlooked** in the daily distribution of food.

ACTS 6:1 NIV



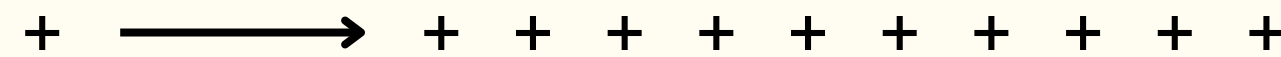
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Potential Solutions

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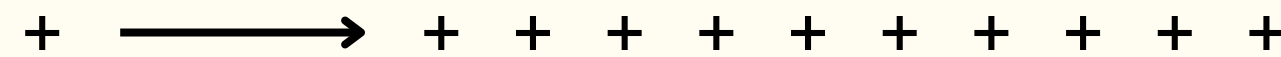




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- Leave it to the professionals
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- **Do more, sleep less**



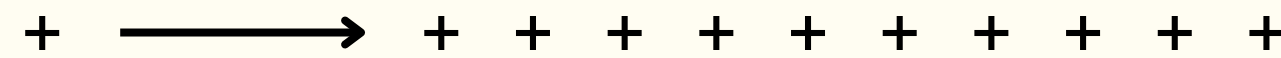


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Potential Solutions

- Leave it to the professionals
- Keep the status-quo
- Do more, sleep less
- **Add another program**



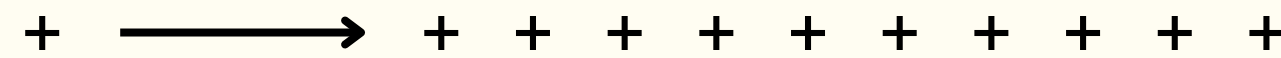


Release Leadership

So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. **We will turn this responsibility over to them** ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

ACTS 6:2-4 NIV






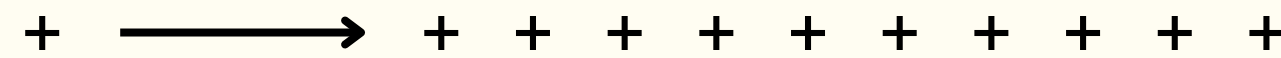
“The only strategy that reaches every kind of person
is the ministry that mobilizes every person.”

-SAMARITAN CHURCH





**Spirit-led leaders empowering
Spirit-led people to **meet spiritual needs.****



Our Vision

To change the heart and soul of Northwest Arkansas and the world.

Our Mission

To produce and release spiritual leaders who know and express the authentic Christ to Northwest Arkansas and the world.





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**“It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of
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ACTS 6:2-4 NIV





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ACTS 6:2-4 NIV





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This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man **full of faith and of the Holy Spirit**; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

ACTS 6:5-6 NIV





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So the **word of God spread**. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of **priests became obedient to the faith**.

ACTS 6:7 NIV





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Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely **I am with you always,** to the very end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:18-20 NIV





“Teach them to **obey what I say
and to **depend** on me.”**

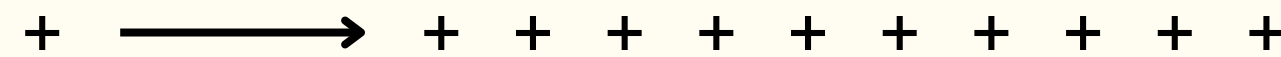


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Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. **But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.**

ACTS 6:3-4 ESV





The ministry of the word & prayer is the
only strategy because it is **the whole story.**





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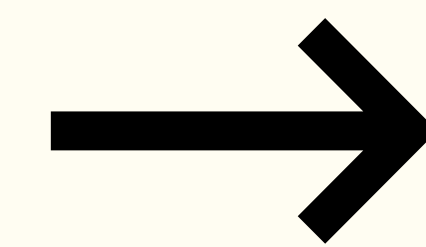




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They devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching** and to fellowship, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**.

ACTS 2:42 NIV





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Jesus The Church

- FRAGRANCE OF CHRIST
- THE SALT OF THE EARTH
- THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
- ROYAL PRIESTHOOD



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ACTS 6:7 NIV



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ACTS 6:5 NIV

