

Sermon Based Small Group Guide  
For November 15, 2020 sermon:

***Empowered (Book of Acts): "Nurturing Gospel Focus"***

**Warm up:**

List some issues that are occupying your thought life:

Do these issues help you to stay focused on Jesus' good news or distract you from it?

**Digging deeper:** (20-30 minutes)

1. (Option: Have your group split into clusters of 2 or 3. Give 6 minutes for these small groups to answer this question with each other. Then have the whole small group discuss it together.) In one to two minutes, how would you summarize the gospel of Jesus Christ? What verses might you use to help you share the good news?

Read over these passages (Mark 1:14-15 and Romans 3:21-26).

What do these passages say about the good news?

2. What similarities do you see between Acts 6:1-7 and Exodus 18:13-27?

Are there any responsibilities you can teach others to do? Or are there some tasks you can learn from someone who is serving in many areas?

3. What principles can you take away from how the Apostles handled the conflict in Acts 6:1-7? How does focus on the gospel unite rather than divide?

**Apply it:** (10 minutes)

There are many distractions and much conflict in our life right now. How does God want you to serve? What can you do to stay focused on the gospel? Who does God want you to share the good news of Jesus with this week?