

THE TOOLS OF MINISTRY

(Acts 6:1-7)

The Tools of Ministry are Prayer and the Word

I. Prayer (Talking to God)

1. We need to _____ that we are in a _____.
2. We need to spend time in prayer for _____.
3. We need to spend time in prayer for _____.

II. The Word (Listening to God)

1. We need to _____ that the Word is _____.
2. We need to spend time _____ the Word.
3. We need to spend time _____ the Word.

Group Discussion Questions

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

1. In Acts 6, why did the 12 not want to serve tables? Was serving tables beneath them? What does this passage tell us about why prayer and the Word are important?
2. Why is it important that we keep in mind the spiritual battle in which we are engaged? How does this change our prayer life?
3. How can we pray effectively for both our own needs and the needs of others? What will this require of us?
4. What is the difference between being in the Word for ourselves and being under the teaching of the Word from someone else?
5. What stood out to you from the text or message that you would like to explore further? What is one thing you will do to apply this message this week?