

Declaration of Fellowship



The vision of The 6:4 Fellowship is rooted in the biblical paradigm of ministry seen in Acts 6:1-7. This passage serves as a compelling demonstration of supernatural gospel impact:

Acts 6:1–7 - Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 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." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

This descriptive passage is set in the context of distraction and division in the early church, much like the challenges of our current ministry environment. More importantly, the wise and clear resolution seen here is underscored by many prescriptive teachings in the New Testament.

The Acts 6 narrative represents the ministry focus of The 6:4 Fellowship. We summarize our united passion with pattern:

$$6:3 + 6:4 = 6:7$$

Accordingly...

- We are committed to catalyzing Acts 6:3 disciples who pursue a good reputation, being full of the Holy Spirit and full of wisdom.
- We are committed to serve as Acts 6:4 leaders, resolutely devoting ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.
- We are committed to the hope of an Acts 6:7 awakening where the word of Christ will spread powerfully, disciples will multiply greatly, and countless numbers of those ignorant of and opposed to the gospel will come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

As a pastor-led, biblically-based, international and multi-denominational network of church leaders we are working together to catalyze pastors around the world in prayer-and-word-powered ministry. We consistently and increasingly embrace deepening conviction, rich community, and growing capacity for Spirit-empowered ministry. This rhythm is supported by a variety of coaching opportunities designed to empower long-term ministry effectiveness and health.

The 6:4 Fellowship endeavors to provide biblical and practical tools. God provides the power. We aspire to be every pastor's second most important network because we focus on every pastor's most important priority.

While we all pray for the "fruits" of revival and awakening, The 6:4 Fellowship endeavors to cultivate the "roots" of this vital hope. There are no fruits without roots. We are striving, by God's grace, to cultivate the roots of prayer-and-word-powered ministry as we humbly serve local churches around the world.

In vigorous fellowship with one another and united in purpose, we devote ourselves to this compelling and urgent cause for the glory of Jesus Christ -- in and through His church.

In the hope of a "6:7 Awakening,"
Members of The 6:4 Fellowship
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