



becoming united in leadership disciplines

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## **D4: The Qualifications – Understanding Deacon Leadership (Acts 6)**

**Acts 6 has led us to form these 6 convictions about deacon leadership as the local church fulfills its gospel mission:**

1. Elders committed to the gospel mission of the church highly \_\_\_\_\_ deacon leadership.
2. Deacons are men marked by the fullness of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Deacons (like all disciples) are \_\_\_\_\_ to the gospel mission of the church.
4. The gospel mission of the church is more \_\_\_\_\_ with deacon leadership.
5. Deacons \_\_\_\_\_ serve to meet \_\_\_\_\_ needs in the church as it fulfills its gospel mission.
6. Deacons are often near \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as the church fulfills its gospel mission.



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Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal in missions. It's the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the white-hot enjoyment of God's glory. John Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad*, page 11