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Believe
What's Greater

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

Isaiah 53:1-2 (NKJV)



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Bible Study Lesson: **“Protecting the Word While Serving the People”**

A Biblical Study of the Deacon's Role in the Local Church

Primary Text: Acts 6:2-4

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Key Truth

Deacons enable pastors to focus on prayer and the Word without neglecting people.

Teaching Outline

- 1. “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God”**
 - Apostolic priorities are clarified, not diminished
- 2. Division of labor, not division of value**
 - Service ministry is not “less spiritual”
- 3. The word “serve” (diakoneō)**
 - Same root used for ministry of the Word



Leadership Insight

- Deacons **do not replace pastors**
- Deacons **reinforce pastoral effectiveness**

Teaching Emphasis

- Deacons serve so the Word can stay central.
- The health of the church depends on **clear** spiritual priorities.



Application Exercise

Have deacons list:

- Ministries they *support*
- Ministries they *protect*
- Ministries they *strengthen*