



## ❖ MESSAGE NOTES

### IMMERSED: Helping ~ Week 2



#### **CORE VALUE: Strategic Service/Meaningful Ministry**

*"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus ..." - Philippians 2:3-5 (NASB)*

#### **"God, in light of what You have called us, as a church, to accomplish CORPORATELY, what do you need me to do INDIVIDUALLY?"**

*So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added. ~ Acts 2:41*

*And the Lord was adding to their number every day those who were being saved. ~ Acts 2:47b*

*Now in those days, when the disciples were growing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the native Hebraic Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ~ Acts 6:1*

*So the twelve called the whole group of the disciples together and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to wait on tables. ~ Acts 6:2*

*But carefully select from among you, brothers, seven men who are well-attested, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this necessary task. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word. ~ Acts 6:3-4*

*The proposal pleased the entire group ... ~ Acts 6:5a*

*... so they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a Gentile convert to Judaism from Antioch. 6 They stood these men before the apostles, who prayed and placed their hands on them. ~ Acts 6:5b-6*

*The word of God continued to spread, the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith. ~ Acts 6:7*

*What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ~ 1 Corinthians 3:5-6*

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. ~ Ephesians 4:4-6*

*But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ~ Ephesians 4:7*

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#### ❖ DIVE IN! ~ Discussion Questions

1. What was one thing Pastor G said this week that spoke directly to you?
2. Are you inspired by that to make a decision, make a change, or take some action in your life?
3. Greg impressed upon us the need for every Christian to serve in some way in their local church. Pastor G had us prayerfully ask a question several times during his message. "God, in light of what You have called us, as a church, to accomplish CORPORATELY, what do you need me to do INDIVIDUALLY?" Have you been praying that prayer? How has God prompted you to serve at Waikoloa Community Church so far?

#### ◆ READ: ACTS 2:42-47 and ACTS 6:7

1. This was what happened when the entire church got on board with a division of labor and every person serving and helping in some capacity and every person sharing the Good News with their friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors. The Word of God continued to spread, and the number of disciples increased daily. In addition to serving in some way here Greg has also challenged us to each invite at least two people to join us at our church before the end of this year. That would make our average attendance jump from 60 to 180 overnight. Who are the friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors in your circles of influence that you can invite to come sit with you at church this week?
2. Greg mentioned that he is going to be teaching some seminars on Developing Spiritual Maturity and on learning how God specifically designed you for meaningful ministry. Are you willing to participate in those two seminars?