When the Deacon Body functions On Purpose...

“So the word of God spread, the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly in number, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.”

(Acts 6:7)
2. **Serve the people**

The need for deacons was literally born out of table-waiting on widows. (Acts 6:2)

“You will only serve people to the degree that you love them, and the dirt on their feet will test your love for them.”


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5 areas of Service for the Deacon:

1) **Visitation**
2) **Monthly Connections**
   - Text
   - Phone call
   - Home visit
   - Hand-written card

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5 areas of Service for the Deacon:

3) **Widows & Orphans**
   - Orphan care, growing concern
   - Widows & Widowers banquet
   - James 1:27; Psalm 68:5-6

4) **Benevolence**
   - Deut. 15:7; 1 John 3:17
   - The deacon should be involved in benevolence ministry.
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5 areas of Service for the Deacon:
5) Whole-Congregation
   - Deacons are not placed “over” anyone. They’re placed “under” the whole Body.
   - Be Creative.
   - Sincere, Christ-like love is always forged in the fires of selfless service.

Questions for Discussion:
- What are some ways your deacon body is currently doing a great job serving the membership?
- Which of these areas need the most work in our deacon body?
  - Visitation
  - Monthly Connections
  - Widows/Orphans
  - Benevolence
  - Whole-Congregation Service