

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's
The New Testament Deacon
Chapters 3-4

Read Chapter 3: Official Public Recognition

Q: Why did the apostles lay hands on the first deacons in Jerusalem? What was the significance of that ceremony?

A: _____

Q: Why do we need to have officially recognized leaders in the church? Again, why is it important to have a formal and publicly validated body of leaders in a local assembly?

A: _____

Read Chapter 4: Acts 6: The Prototype for Deacons

Q: Why is there good reason to believe that the 7 spoken of in Acts 6 were the first deacons?

A: _____

Q: What do you make of the ministries of Stephen and Phillip? They were a part of the original 7, but they did much more than care for the widows in Jerusalem. What does their example mean for modern deacons?

A: _____

