Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's
The New Testament Deacon
Chapters 1-2

Read Chapter 1: The Shepherds' Priorities: Word and Prayer

Q: Why was the office of deacon created? What is the purpose of this office?
A: _____

Q: According to Acts 6, what did the first group of deacons help to prevent?
A: _____

Q: How do the primary responsibilities of shepherds help give shape to the responsibilities of deacons? In other words, how do the elders' priorities impact the work of the deacons?
A: _____

Read Chapter 2: Appointing Ministers of Mercy

Q: Strauch discusses the importance of organization in this chapter. Why is that such a crucial aspect of the deacons' work?
A: _____

Q: What kind of impact can deacons have for the kingdom of God in fulfilling their office? How does this help you to understand the importance of this office?
A: _____