



Bridge Church Home Groups Questions
Series: Unstoppable Part 1 – A Study in Acts
Message: The Blood of the Martyrs
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Read Acts 6:8-15 then use the following questions to kick-start your discussion:

1. After Stephen was commissioned as a leader in the church, he did not waste time making an impact on the world around him. After stepping up, he faced opposition from the Jewish religious leaders. We see that when they could not effectively argue with him, they resorted to lies and eventually violence. What does this say about the nature of evil? How have you seen the irrationality of evil at work in the world or your life?
2. Read Acts 7:54-8:3. After giving an incredible speech, which covered God's salvation history with Israel, Stephen's critics cover their eyes and put him to death. In his last moments, Stephen is focused on Jesus and asks for mercy for his persecutors. What does this tell us about the nature of God's love? How have you seen the depths of God's love, forgiveness and mercy at work in the world or your life?
3. Read Acts 8:1 and then read Acts 1:8. In these verses we see that Acts 8:1 fulfills Acts 1:8. God uses the persecution of the early church to scatter the disciples into Judea and Samaria. The result is the further spreading of the Gospel. What does this say about God's sovereignty in the face of suffering? How have you seen God work through suffering for ultimate good in your life?