



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

## SMALL GROUP STARTER GUIDE

“Stephen’s Speech to the Sanhedrin” on March 28<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>th</sup>

### HOOK

- Share a time when you stood for a cause or someone.
- Share a time when you made your dad proud or when you received a standing ovation.
- Have you ever been accused of something that wasn’t true?

### BOOK

- Read Acts 7

### LOOK

- What did they accuse Stephen of? Was this true?
- Notice Stephen doesn’t defend himself but tells the truth about Jesus. Why was this effective?
- What were some main points of Stephens history lesson in Acts 7?
- Why did the religious leaders get so angry by what Stephen said? Why were they threatened?
- How do you think Stephen felt at this point?
- What were Stephens last words? Who else spoke similar words?
- Why does this reflect Gods love?
- What did Stephen see in a vision? What did it mean?

### TOOK

- What attitude should we take when we are cheated?
- Why are the stories in the Bible important to our faith today?
- Why was Jesus proud of Stephen? Is he proud of you?
- When has Jesus given you a standing ovation? Group members answer for each other as encouragement.

### PRAY

- Put each group member in the middle of the room and tell them why their life makes Jesus proud.
- Pray for courage to stand for Jesus knowing if we do, he’ll stand for us.
- Pray that we will forgive others as Stephen did.