

SET YOUR SIGHTS

Acts 6:8–8:3

September 20, 2026 | Pastor Tanner Huss



SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 6:8–8:3, Acts 1:8, Luke 21:12–15, Luke 23:34, 46, Matthew 5:10–12,
Psalm 27:12, Isaiah 66:1–2

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What kinds of threats tend to distract Christians from their mission today?
2. How should believers respond when they are misunderstood or falsely accused? Why is it tempting to become more focused on opposition or defending ourselves than on God's purposes?
3. What does Stephen's sermon teach us about God's faithfulness? How does kingdom vision help believers endure suffering?
4. How can fear of people hinder gospel witness? Why did persecution ultimately advance the gospel rather than stop it? What missional opportunities might God create through difficult circumstances in our lives?
5. What does Stephen's example teach us about relying on the Holy Spirit even in our times of greatest trial? How do Stephen's sermon and life point us to Jesus?

RECOMMENDED READING

Kenneth Berding and Keith R. Krell, *God's Purposes in Our Pain: 10 Ways God Uses Suffering for Our Good* (Crossway, 2026).

John Piper, *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist* (Multnomah Books, [1986] 2011).

Paul David Tripp, *Suffering: Gospel Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense* (Crossway, 2018).

Welcome Lunch September 20 | 12:30-2:00 pm | Youth Center | New to Crossroads Bible Church? We'd love to get to know you better! You are invited to join us for a relaxed and light-hearted lunch, provided by us. Come connect with others who are new to Crossroads, as well as other pastors, staff, and leaders. Register at cbcbellevue.com/welcomelunch

Membership Class October 4 | 12:30-2:30 pm | Youth Center | Interested in learning more about Membership? This class is open to everyone and is a great opportunity to learn more about our church, our beliefs, and what it means to be a member. Lunch will be provided, and childcare is available. Register at cbcbellevue.com/membershipclass

GO Informational Recruitment Meeting October 4 & 11 | 12:30-2:00 pm | Room 130 | Are you interested in learning about or applying for one of our Global Outreach (GO) short-term teams for 2027? We would love to have you join us at either of our informational meetings! Healthy snacks will be provided. Learn more at cbcbellevue.com/short-term-teams