

Acts: O Church, Arise!
January 18, 2026 – Acts 6:8-7:1
The Offense of the Word

Reflections
Acts 6:8-7:1

Message for today – Many will take offense at the gospel, but none can withstand what comes from God.

Setting

Stephen testified with power from heaven

Opposition rose up against him

Description of the opposition

They disputed with Stephen

They instigated accusers

They stirred up people of action

They set up false witnesses

Result

_____ was seen in Stephen's face

Stephen was called to _____

Hear the Word

1. What is this passage telling me about who God is (His character, actions, attributes, Word)?
2. What does it tell me about the original audience, or about the nature of sin?
3. What stands out to you about the description of Stephen or his interactions with those who opposed him?
4. What is the main purpose of this passage, and does it bring other passages to mind?
5. How does this passage point me to Jesus, and help me to see the gospel more clearly?

Do the Word

1. How do my actions, thoughts, words or emotions need to change in light of this passage?
2. How has fear over the offense of the gospel held me back? What do I need to confess, and how should this impact my prayer life?
3. What would it look like for me to take the next step in trusting that God's power will be made perfect in my weakness?

Next Week: Acts 7:2-8