

SERVICE & BOLDNESS

ACTS 6:1-7:60

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Was there anything about the message today that was particularly helpful? Anything that you'd like to discuss further?
2. Many times people fail to serve in ministry because they think their role wouldn't be "important" or "helpful." In this text we see that it's often the normal people that God uses more than anyone else. How have you seen this play out in your own life?
3. What should deacons be doing according to the teaching in this text? 6:1-7
4. We see the importance of service and ministry in the local church if unity is going to be maintained. What service or ministry has God given you? Are you engaged? Why so?
5. What does this passage tell us about why Stephen's ministry was so effective? Which of his characteristics do you lack? What can you do to grow in that area?
6. Summarize Stephen's message from his accusers. How does the gospel change the way we look at the temple and the law? Why is it significant that the future apostle Paul listened to this Stephanic gospel presentation (8:1)?
7. Stephen had a very short ministry but he had a very big impact on the apostle Paul. You never know what your service to Christ is going to produce in the long run. Discuss how this should encourage us to do whatever we can wherever we can.
8. What is the main point of Stephen's "long speech?"
9. What practical changes are you going to make in your life in light of today's discussion?