

Connect Group Guide: Stephen: A Man Full Of Faith And The Holy Spirit



Passage: Acts 6:1-15

Sermon Link: https://youtu.be/kuhK4S8Gs00?si=UGkv_pi9sd3xpRM7

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What do you know about the story of Stephen the martyr?
- Have you ever needed to take a posture of servanthood even when it was difficult? Please share...

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

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Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- What does it mean to simultaneously be filled with both grace & power?
- What does it look like to be filled with the Holy Spirit and filled with wisdom?

Read: Acts 6:1-15

- The leaders of the early church chose Stephen to be a servant of tables because he was full of faith and the Holy Spirit. How is God calling you to humbly serve others even without being given a position or a title?
- Stephen did not let his position or title define how he ministered to people, but chose to perform signs and wonder through the power of the Holy Spirit. How does this inform how you view your role in your home and your workplace? How is God calling you to minister to people where you spend the majority of your time during the week?
- Those arguing against Stephen became frustrated because they were arguing against his Godly wisdom given by the Holy Spirit.
How is God calling you to move away from fleshly wisdom and to rely on the wisdom that He gives?
Have you ever felt like the wisdom of the Holy Spirit was speaking through you? Please share an example to encourage others...
- The teachers of the law lied about Stephen to entrap him, yet he dealt with the situation with grace. How does this attitude challenge our approach to those who oppose us because of our faith in Jesus?
- People saw the glory of God in Stephen's life. How is God calling you into a deeper relationship with Him so that others may recognise His glory?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- How does the life and message of Stephen challenge and encourage you?
- What is God addressing in your life in regards to serving others with humility?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray that we would grow in faith and humility as we learn to serve others like Jesus did, with power and grace, filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit.

