

Connect Group Guide: Stephen: A Man Full Of God's Grace And Power



Passage: Acts 7:1-60

Sermon Link: Stephen: A man full of God's grace and power | Acts: Part 10

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What do you know about Stephen's final sermon before being martyred?
- What would you speak about if you knew you might not have much time left on Earth?

Worship:

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

Chris Tomlin - Still The King (Official Lyric Video)

Word:

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

Before reading the scripture:

- How can we know that God's promises are faithful?
- Has God made promises to you that are not yet fulfilled? Please share...



Read: Acts 7:1-60

- God told Abraham "Go to the place I will show you", but Abraham had no land or children, he only had God's promise. How do you think Abraham felt during the period of waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled? Can you relate?
- Joseph had a bad start in life by being sold as a slave, but God was with him.
 However, Joseph was not saved from his trouble immediately. How can going through difficulties make us more dependent on God's word and promises?
- Moses was born, educated in wisdom and powerful in speech and action, but then murdered someone. How can God use our weaknesses to bring Him glory?
- Stephen's point: His personal story does not start with him, but with God's
 faithfully kept promises throughout history. How can you get better at telling
 others the story of your own life whilst focusing on God's faithfulness?

Works:

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

- Do you believe God keeps His promises? How can you remind yourself of promises God has already kept?
- How are you being called not to act on your current situation but to rely on God's promises?
- How can you build your life not on your own situation but on the historic faithfulness of God?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

 Pray that we may know God's promises are faithful and true, and that we may act accordingly.
