

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the greatest suffering you have endured as a direct result of living for Christ?
2. Read Romans 12:1. What does this verse teach? Why would God call some Christians to give up their lives as martyrs and allow other Christians to live seemingly comfortable lives?
3. Read Acts 6:1-7. What were the qualifications for serving the widows? How excited would you have been to serve tables?
4. What was the result of the Apostles serving in their role and the seven men serving widows? What can be the result of each of us serving faithfully in the church, whether in a prominent or not-so-prominent role? How have you served in the church?
5. Read Acts 6:8-15. Why would there be opposition to Stephen's sharing of the gospel? What opposition do Christians face in sharing the gospel today?
6. Where did Stephen get his wisdom? How does this line up with 2 Timothy 4:2 and 1 Peter 3:15?
7. Why would Stephen's opponents resort to lies if they were religious leaders? What biblical story sounds similar to Stephen's?
8. Read Acts 7:51-60. Stephen proclaims the gospel story and then states in verses 51-53 something not too politically correct. When is it okay to be confrontational the way Stephen was when witnessing?
9. How does what frustrates us in life and church life today compare with what Stephen and the church leaders faced in Acts? What do you think they would say to us today?
10. What was Stephen's heart for those who killed him? How does this speak to how we should respond to difficult people; even to those who would harm or kill us or those we love?
11. What does it look like for you to make your life a living sacrifice unto God this week?



Heroes – Stephen

Acts 6 & 7

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