

## Acts 7&8 Discussion Guide

### General Discussion Questions:

- What statement or illustration from the message stuck out to you and why?
- What attributes of God were on display in the passage?
- What encouraged you?
- What point of action/application did you walk away with?

### Topics for Discussion:

- The Early Church
- Evangelism/Boldness
- Persecution
- Knowing the Word
- God's faithfulness/sovereignty
- False teaching

### Chapter 7 Discussion Questions:

#### **1. Be committed.**

? - **What are some synonyms for commitment?** Devotion, faithfulness, dependability, loyalty, stability  
**God desires faithfulness from us, but keep in mind, HIS faithfulness is a constant theme in the Bible and WE are called to the same faithfulness!** Hebrews 10:23

? - **What do you need to do differently to prepare yourself to live as a Stephen, regardless of the cost?**

#### **2. Be a Bold Witness.**

? - **How are you doing regarding having the conviction and courage to SPEAK the Gospel out loud?**

? **If you had to preach an impromptu (on the spot) Gospel Message what would you say? Have a volunteer from the group give it a try (let the group help them out!).**

? - **Does your lifestyle match the message, are you "walking the talk"? Where is this most difficult (home, work, etc.).**

#### **3. Do not be anxious.**

? – **What Biblical truths help you to keep perspective when things look bleak?**

**Look at:** John 16:33 **Remember:** Stephen died a terrible death but went immediately to a glorious reward! And that same glorious reward awaits all who are faithful in Christ Jesus!

? – **What aspect of Heaven do you look forward to the most!?**

### Chapter 8 Discussion Questions:

? **Who were the Samaritans and why was it significant that Philip took the Gospel to them?**

? **Based on Acts 8, Was Simon a true believer? Why or why not? How does his story serve as a sober warning?**

? **What opposition to the spread of the gospel did the believers encounter as they took the gospel into Samaritan territory?**

? **Why do you think God called Philip away from a thriving ministry to many and sent him to speak to one solitary individual in the desert? What are the implications of this divine act for your own life?**