



Evidence That Demands a Verdict

Acts Chapters 7 & 8

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

***Take some time to look up and read out loud together:* Acts Chapter 7 & 8**

1. Summarize the big ideas in Stephen’s speech. (Acts 7)
2. What was the result of Stephen’s speech? (Acts 7:54-60)
3. Describe the conversion stories in Acts 8.

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. Why was Stephen’s speech such a system-shattering threat to the nation of Israel? How is the church today a system-shattering threat to our culture or to a religious past absent of the gospel?
5. God’s power, timing, provision, and ability triumph over our earthy possessions and our best efforts. Think of Simon the Magician and his crisis of faith. How would you share the gospel with someone who is highly skilled and/or wealthy by earthly standards but is far from God?
6. The Ethiopian Eunuch expresses extreme joy and hope in response to the ministry of Phillip. Have you ever had this kind of response to God’s work in your life? What makes joy so elusive?

Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.*

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)