

# Discussion Questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

The world is becoming increasingly hostile towards anyone who speaks biblical truth. How will you respond to others who might persecute you?

## **GETTING STARTED**

1. How do you seek and find truth? What do you do when you find it? How do you teach truth to others around you? How do you handle others when they reject the truth?

## **BIBLE IDEA**

2. Read Acts 6:8-15. Why did the Jewish leaders rise up and dispute Stephen (vs. 8)? How did they falsely accuse Stephen?
3. Read Acts 7:51-60. What caused the Jewish leaders to become so angry (vs. 53)? Who was Saul and why did the others cast their garments at his feet? How was Stephen able to maintain his focus and composure to the end (vs. 6:8, 6:15; 7:55-56)? Can you imagine being persecuted for speaking about the truth of Jesus today? Why or why not?
4. Read John 14:16-17; 15:26-27 & John 8:32. How does God sustain His people as we deliver truth? Why does the world reject the Holy Spirit? What two ways can we perceive the Holy Spirit? Give some examples of how you've seen God's Spirit protect you or give you the right words to speak.
5. Ephesians 4:11-16. Focusing on truth, why is church leadership so important (vs. 13)? What could happen to us if we fail to learn the full measure of truth from the Bible (vs. 14)? What happens in our lives when we continue to speak truth in love (vs. 15)?

## **NEXT STEPS**

6. What might it cost you to speak biblical truth today? How are you preparing yourself for the possible sacrifice? What one step can you take this week to strengthen your resolve to speak biblical truth in love through any situation?