

MEXICO RECAP SUNDAY / 7.31.22 ACTS 7:54-60

Ouer 2,000 years ago, Christ gave us this Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations...

Of the 7.75 billion people on the earth, 3.2 billion are unreached still. They have zero access to the gospel. Most of those in the unreached areas of the world will be born, live and die without ever hearing the name Jesus. That's about 40% of the world's population. There's still a lot of work to be done. We each have a part to play in that.

The Rope:

The rope represents eternity. No beginning and no end. Imagine the rope is a timeline. The red tape represents our brief time on earth. "Am I living my life with only the red tape in mind or am I living this life in light of eternity (the rope)?"

If life on earth is brief and eternity is forever, I better make my days count for something that outlasts this life. Stephen did.



Observations about Stephen's character:

- 1. Stephen had a_____.
- 2. Stephen ______the Word of God. How's your time in the Word? Stephen was a faithful student of the Word of God. He loved it. Do you hunger for the Word of God?
- 3. Stephen was ______with the Spirit. (Galatians 5; Ephesians 5)
- 4. Stephen, when faced with trouble, _____. Where you and I go when we're in need shows who or what we are depending on. Do you and I go to Jesus when we are facing a crisis or need?
- 5. Stephen ______. Instead of getting even and wanting revenge, He extended forgiveness. Jesus also cried out on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing!"

MEMORY VERSE: "For David, after serving God's purpose in his own generation, fell asleep..." ACTS 13:36

Stephen, like David...served God's purpose in his own generation and fell asleep. Will we?