

## Sermon Discussion Questions

### Getting Started:

1. What was most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon?

### Digging Deeper:

2. See acts 7:58, 8:1-3, 22:17-21, 26:4-11; Phil 3:4-6. What was Paul like as a person before he met Jesus?
  - 2.1. If uncontested by the gospel, what would be your ultimate passion and zeal for your life?
3. Reflect: “the Church of Christ has been founded by shedding its own blood, not that of others; by enduring outrage, not by inflicting it. Persecutions have made it grow; martyrdoms have crowned it.”
  - 3.1. Someone reads 1 Peter 3:13-17 and asks you, “Does following Jesus mean we are doormats for people to walk all over us?” how would you respond? See Acts 26:24 for help.
4. The churches in the States do not live under the same type of persecution as other parts of the world. Then how are Paul’s words in Timothy 3:12 true for us? See Matt 5:10-11 for help.
  - 4.1. Why is the statement ‘Religion is good as long as you keep it to yourself’ preferred among people? See acts 8:4. Why would Stephen’s death fuel Christian’s commitment in evangelism?
  - 4.2. Pull the thread of the statement “I keep my faith to myself at work, among friends and family, and social gatherings because \_\_\_\_\_” Where is unbelief or further questions?
5. See acts 8:4-5. Someone asks you, “teach me how to evangelize.” Where would you start? What purpose does Acts 8 show us about Bible studies?
  - 5.1. When was the last time you shared the Word of God to someone? How did it go? what did you say?
6. “Evangelism is more than something we do; it’s something we become.” What do you think this means? See Eph 3:1, 7-8.

### Empowered by the Holy Spirit:

7. For the Spirit to transform your heart’s desire to be an evangelist.
  - 7.1. For the Lord to bring you comfort in your fears about evangelism.
  - 7.2. For the Spirit to use you to bring someone to Christ.