

STUDY GUIDE

Acts 6:8-8:3

“Persecution and Gospel Witness”

- 1) **Stephen is noticed by others as someone who is living for Christ and this made some people angry. In what ways have you seen this to be true in your own life?**

Why does our living for Christ make people angry sometimes?

- 2) **How will our lives look differently when we are living for Christ?**

How will our actions and attitudes and speech be different?

- 3) **The danger for Stephen’s accusers is that they knew the Word of God, but did not understand it or believe it. How can this be a danger for us?**

How can we avoid this danger?

- 4) **Stephen’s accusers were angry because they were faced with their own sin. Why does this make people angry?**

How does our awareness of our sin help us to treasure Jesus?

- 5) **Stephen’s dying prayer is answered in the conversion of Saul later on in the book of Acts. How is this encouraging to you?**

How does this change who you pray for? How does this change what you pray for?

- 6) **How would you like others to pray for you to walk in the Spirit so that you bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?**

*And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”
And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”
And when he had said this, he fell asleep. - Acts 7:59-60*