Lesson 7

Stephen | Acts 6:8-7:60

START MEETING

- What is the longest speech you have ever listened to? Was it exciting or boring? Why? What makes a speech or sermon interesting to you?
- Are you more likely to "rock-the-boat" or keep "peace-at-anyprice"?

READ AND DISCUSS BIBLE

- From Acts 6:13-14, how would you write the formal charges against Stephen?
- From Acts 7:44-50, what is Stephen's point about the temple and God's presence?
- What does Stephen mean by the phrase "uncircumcised hearts and ears (Acts 7:51)? In this context, what is Stephen really saying about the Sanhedrin's regard for the Law?
- In what ways could the charges that Stephen makes against the leaders be made against you? How will you begin to bow to God in that area now?

ACTS: EMPOWERED TO LOVE, SERVE & PROCLAIM

Sermon Series Bible Study

PASSAGE FOCUS

Stephen's life and death serve as a great example for Christians today & he challenges us to love God more than anything else, serves others by laying down his life, and demonstrates the gospel by praying for forgiveness for those who stoned him.

STUDY GUIDE

LISTEN

Listen to this passage's sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

Close meeting

•	Is there any unforgiveness you are harbouring toward someone
	else? Someone who has harmed you? Would you ask God for their
	forgiveness? Would you ask God to have mercy on them?

• Stephen has a glimpse of Jesus before he dies. And Stephen was so prepared to go; he had no doubt and complete confidence in where he is going when he died. Do you have that same confidence? Why and why not?

Reference:

1. Serendipity Bible, New International Version