



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Stephen: Dying for Your Faith*

Text: Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60

Service Date: August 17, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Since your group met last, how have you seen God working?
- Take a moment to read the sermon text. What stood out to you the most about Stephen's story, and why? Was it his courage, his wisdom, his willingness to forgive, or something else?

Sermon Discussion

- Why do you think Stephen's message angered the religious leaders so much? What does this tell us about how people respond to truth?
- Stephen stood for truth even when it wasn't popular. How can we do that in today's culture without becoming combative or arrogant? Do you have any real-world examples of standing for truth today?
- Have you ever experienced pushback or rejection for your faith? How did you respond? What did you learn from that experience?
- The sermon mentioned how customs or traditions can sometimes get in the way of spiritual growth. Are there any "church traditions" today that you think need to be re-evaluated? How do we balance respect for tradition with a willingness to change?
- Stephen forgave those who were stoning him. How can we learn to offer forgiveness when we feel hurt, especially in our faith?
- What do you think it means to "live your faith", even if you never have to die for it like Stephen?

- If you are a Christian, you know the difference having Jesus as the center of your life can make. Thinking back upon your own spiritual journey, what would you say has been the biggest difference since you started following Him?
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This Week's Action Response

- In what ways can you be a “Stephen” to someone else- serving, speaking truth, or standing strong in trials? Is there someone in your life who needs care or support right now?
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Resources from the Sermon

- Stephen Ministry (tri-village.org/stephenministry)