

Theme: The Story of God and His People

Objective: To understand that our testimony can bring others to Christ.

Memory Verse: Either from memory or by looking it up, write out Acts 6:7

Opening Question: In what way did you use your gifts to serve the Lord in the last week?

Read Acts 6:8-7:3

- Stephan was called before the officials because of his service to God. What does this tell you to expect when you are faithful to God? Are you ready to give an account of your faith to others who question you?

For the Acts 7, break up the sections among the group members. Take a few moments to read your assigned passage and then be ready to report out to the group.

Passage	Focuses on	How was God faithful?
Acts 7:4-8		
Acts 7:9-16		
Acts 7:17-29		
Acts 7:30-36		

- How would you characterize God’s faithfulness to the Israelites during these passages?
- The Sanhedrin would clearly know Israel’s history? Why do you think Stephan brings this up?

Read Acts 7:37-50

- How do you feel when you have been unfaithful to God? Do you feel like you turned your back on God? Do you ever feel that God has turned His back on you? (Note: This occurs when our sinful and selfish desires are in conflict with God’s holy plans for our lives.)
- Verse 48. Do you ever find yourself “keeping God in Church”? In other words, do you limit your God experiences to your time with at Church?

Read Acts 7:51-8:1

- How willing are you to share your testimony with others?
- What are some barriers you have with sharing your faith with other people in your sphere of influence?
- What steps do you need to take to better prepare yourself to share your faith?
- Who in your sphere of influence is someone you would like to share your faith? What scares you about this?
- How can this group pray for you to have the boldness of Stephen to share your story with other people?

Application: Who will you engage in the coming weeks to share your story?

Worship: Psalm 119:105-112. Focus on God being faithful when we are especially faithful to Him.

Prayer Requests

Memory Verse: Romans 10:17—*“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”*