


SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / SEPTEMBER 8

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

 **15 minutes.** Pull up the 40 Days of Prayer guide (Daily Revival in the Summit app or online). Break up into smaller groups of 3–4 people and pray through today's entry in the 40 DOP guide. Use the Scripture and prayer prompts provided to guide this time in prayer.

Read






Read Acts 7:54–8:4 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- Stephen was an ordinary person, and yet God used him as a catalyst to spread the gospel beyond Jerusalem, showing that every believer has a role in God's mission.
- Five convictions of those who transform the world: (1) God wants to use me; (2) the Holy Spirit fills me; (3) I'll start with the needs right in front of me; (4) as Jesus was to me, so I will be to others; (5) Jesus is worth it.

Group Discussion and Prayer

-  How has your experience been with 40 Days of Prayer so far? Share any victories or obstacles you've encountered in your prayer life during this time.
-  Which of the five points from the sermon resonated with you the most, and why? Which point is the hardest for you to believe?
-  How does Stephen's example challenge you to be more aware of the needs around you? What needs in your community are you sensing?
-  **5 minutes.** Pause and pray together as a group. Ask God to open doors for you to meet the needs around you and to give you genuine love for others.
-  What practical steps can we take to help each other stay aware of the needs around us and be intentional about witnessing?

CHALLENGE

- Live Sent:** This week, identify a need in at least one person in your community—whether at work, school, or church—and take a practical step toward meeting that need.
- Gather members of your group before or after the service and add a prayer request to the "Just Ask" banners. Take some time to pray for other requests.

PRAYER

- Pray for boldness:** Ask God to give each person the boldness to speak about Christ and share the gospel with those in their community.
- Pray for compassion:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with compassion to meet the needs right in front of us.
- Pray for opportunities:** Ask God to open doors for both local and international missions, and for people to step into those opportunities with courage.