

See and Obey the Holy Spirit: A Sermon from Acts 7
Small Group Questions
5 May 2019

Using specific verses from Acts 6 and 7, why do you think Stephen was described as a person “full of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 7:3, 6)?

According to a specific Scripture, how would you answer this: What makes someone full of the Holy Spirit? Clue: Ephesians 5:15-20 ;)

What was unique about the way Stephen told the story of Israel in Acts 7?

Read John 16:7-11, which records Jesus’ words about the Holy Spirit’s work of conviction. According to this passage, how do you think the Holy Spirit acted through Stephen’s speech in Acts 7? Be as specific as you can to identify the type of conviction the Sanhedrin might have been resisting, like their fathers resisted.

Stephen ends his speech with a stark and pointed accusation: “You always resist the Holy Spirit!” (Acts 7:51). Read that entire verse with your home group and ask a pointed question of yourselves: “In what way might you be resisting the Holy Spirit right now?”

Stephen quotes Isaiah 66:1-2a right before his pointed line. Read Isaiah 66:2b out loud with your group, then answer this question: What in particular will you do this week to submit to the Holy Spirit with “trembling”? Try to start with “I will...” which signifies your decided commitment.

Would you like to receive encouragement to follow through with that commitment?

What’s going to be a challenge for you this coming week? (This is a hidden prayer request!)