



## **Resist Not the Spirit**

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1. In Acts 6, the early church faced growing pains even while being Spirit-filled.
  - Where have you seen growth create tension—in your life, family, or church—and how was that tension handled?
2. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the apostles prioritized prayer and preaching while empowering others to serve.
  - What does it look like in your life or our church to keep the Word and service in healthy balance?
  - Which side do you tend to lean toward?
3. Stephen was “full of grace and power,” and opponents “could not resist the wisdom the Spirit gave him.”
  - Can you think of a time when you sensed the Holy Spirit giving you words, courage, or clarity beyond yourself?
4. Stephen exposed a long history of God’s people resisting the Spirit.
  - What are some subtle ways Christians today might resist the Holy Spirit’s work, personally or collectively?
5. Using the “radio signal” analogy, what “static” most often drowns out the Spirit’s voice in your daily life? What helps you tune back in?
6. Stephen’s vision opened his eyes to Jesus while others hardened their hearts.
  - Is there a sin, fear, habit, or bitterness that the Spirit may be inviting you to release? What would freedom in that area look like?
7. Are there specific ways we can pray for one another to help each other not resist the Spirit’s promptings in the coming week?

### **Reminders:**

- We have two great groups to help you connect and grow in community! Young Adults (18–mid-20s) meet Thursdays from 7–9pm in the Student Center. Young Professionals (mid-20s–early 30s) meet Sunday evenings in Brentwood. Click below to learn more and get connected! <https://harpethcc.elvanto.net/form/cfe0e023-9187-4302-9480-642da3889c11>
- It is almost here! The next Check Us Out membership class will be held on Sunday October 19th & 26th. Click the link below to register!  
<https://harpethcc.elvanto.net/form/bb2daec3-2bd1-4644-b6ccd0eb4203f024>
- HCC’s annual Family Fall Festival will be here soon! Save the date for October 19 starting at 4pm and bring your family to the Wilson Family Farm in College Grove! All ages are encouraged to attend. Admission is free. Just bring your own picnic dinner and chairs! HCC will provide smores and waters.