

Bible Study: Wednesday April 7, 2021
Sermon: Sunday, April 11, 2021
Scripture: Acts 6-7

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- Read Acts 6:1-7. As the number of disciples increased, what practical needs began to present themselves? Why do you think the people started to complain? Does this happen in our own churches and communities today?
- What solution did they come up with (6:2-3)? If you look at this as distributing the work rather than as the disciples being superior or too good to “serve tables,” what does this say about the process of choosing people and empowering them to perform specific tasks? What tasks do you volunteer to do at your church or in your community? Do you feel passionate about meeting these needs or do you feel like you’ve been asked to perform menial tasks? What spiritual gifts do you see at work in Stephen? Do you have an understanding of your spiritual gifts and what role you play as part of a larger picture?
- Think about our own congregation. Do you find that tasks are distributed evenly among the people or do the pastors and the staff carry the bulk of the work? Are there things you could be doing to allow others to focus on the things only they can do? Do you have a particular skill set you could share with the community that would help take care of other’s needs?
- Have you ever experienced opposition for trying to do something good? How did that feel? How do you think Stephen felt when he was dragged in front of the council? How do you think you would react if you were in a similar position?
- Stephen is described as someone “who stood out among the believers for the way God’s grace was at work in his life and for his exceptional endowment with divine power...” Can you think of someone today in whom God’s grace is at work in such a way that you can actually see or feel it? How or what does this make you feel? How do you feel God’s grace at work in you?