

Community Group Questions

Acts 7:54-8:8

1. Read Acts 7:54-8:8. Was there anything that stood out to you from this week's passage or message? Was there anything you found encouraging or challenging?
2. Death is a topic most people like to avoid. Why do you think that is? What is the benefit of facing conversations about death squarely? What impresses you most about the death of Stephen?
3. How does the hope of heaven change a Christian's perspective on death and grieving?
4. Despite the death of Stephen and the subsequent persecution of Christians, the church continued to grow. What factors do you think led to the church's growth in spite of the opposition it faced?
5. Acceptance of the gospel results in joy. Read the following passages and discuss what the characteristics are of Christian joy
 - Luke 10:20
 - Acts 13:49-52
 - Romans 5:2-3
 - Galatians 5:
 - Philippians 3:1; 4:4
 - James 2:1-4