



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"How to Not Give Up When You're Fed Up"

Acts 7:54-60

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Perseverance is the charter trait "to stay on a course of action despite difficulties obstacles or discouragement...the continuance in a state of grace and faithfulness until the end." Why do you think it is so hard to finish well? Name other Biblical stories of perseverance.
- 2) Stephen kept his focus on Christ (quite literally) as he was being stoned. What are some ways we can keep Christ in mind when we experience difficulties?
- 3) Augustine wrote, "The church owes Paul to the prayers of Stephen." Who are you praying for?
- 4) The church was persecuted heavily during this time and yet this was also a time of great growth in the church. How can those two facts be related? Is there any lesson for us today?
- 5) Stephen asked that God not hold this sin against his killers. How can we be more forgiving to the ones who "throw rocks" at us? Name some of the "rocks" of discouragement in your life right now?

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize *Galatians 6:9*– "*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*"
- 2) Share of a time when you had to persevere to accomplish something important. Have everyone in the family talk about a time they wanted to give up.
- 3) Read *Philippians 1:6*. What does it mean that Christ will complete what he started in His children? Name a task that is hard for you. Ask God to give you perseverance to complete it.