

## PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- What does it take for someone to be willing to die for their faith? Do you think people would be more willing to share the Gospel or die for it?
- **Read Acts 6:1-15.** In what was Stephen introduced in this passage?
- Why did his opponents resort to manipulation in order to bring charges against him?
- Do you think people sometimes underhandedly accuse Christians who are upstanding? Why? Have you experienced this?
- Sometimes, people say that “effective evangelism will lead to great fruit.” How would this passage speak to that idea?
- What implications are there in this passage for our own witness to the Gospel today?
- The Jewish leaders accused Stephen of speaking against 2 sacred parts of Jewish life – the Law of Moses and the Temple. This was a strategy that Jewish opponents of the early church used often (cf. Acts 18 and 21). In Stephen’s defense, he walks through Old Testament history and says that God’s people did not obey God’s law. **Read Acts 7:51-60.** What conclusion did Stephen state to his listeners? What was their conclusion they had about him?
- What do Stephen’s last words (v. 55-60) teach you about facing persecution or dying well?
- What would it take for you to live like that, and (if called) die like that?
- Who could you ask to hold you accountable to live that way?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- What does it take for someone to be willing to die for what they believe?
- **Read Acts 6:8-15 and 7:51-60.** What words would you use to describe Stephen? How does Luke (the author of Acts) describe him?
- Who was Stephen speaking to? (Parent Note: The Sanhedrin who were the rulers of the Jewish faith and thought to be the most morally-upright people)
- In the first part of Acts 7, Stephen delivers a message about God's faithfulness and people's pride and disobedience. As a family, you can read his sermon if you wish. At the end of the sermon (**vv. 51-55**), what conclusions does Stephen make about his listeners? How would you describe his words?
- What's the difference between being rude and confronting others? How can you know which one you are doing?
- What do Stephen's last words (**v. 55-60**) teach you about facing people who talk bad about you because of Jesus? What do they teach you about dying well?
- What would it take for you to live like that, and (if called) die like that?
- Who can help you live that way? Who is someone who might stop you from living that way?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.

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