



Participant's Guide

Week of May 14

The Big Idea

Stephen was a man in-step with the Holy Spirit who did whatever he could, setting aside self-interest and tradition, for a life with God.

Getting Started

1. Would you characterize your spiritual life as predictable? Why is that?
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Digging In

1. Read **Acts 6:8-15**. What are Stephen's qualities? What does he do here in chapter 6? What is he accused of doing?
 2. Read **Acts 7:1-53**. In this speech, Stephen gives a summary of all the Old Testament. What is his one major point?
 3. Read **Acts 7:44-60**. How does Stephen's attitude and actions compare with those of the religious leaders?
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Looking Around

1. Do you worship your worship or do you worship God? In other words, are you stuck to your own particular preferences, forms, and traditions of your faith with God or is it fluid and constantly new?
2. What can you learn from Stephen's martyrdom?
3. What areas of your life need the freshness of the spirit to make your walk with God less predictable? Is it through sacrificial serving? Through sharing your faith boldly with others? Somewhere else?

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Pray

Pray that God gives you the courage to be like Stephen and serve sacrificially where serving is needed, proclaim to people who are stiff-necked, and pursue a beautiful relationship with the Holy Spirit.