

Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to get you started.

Verses For Meditation

The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen's accusation, and they shook their fists at him in rage. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand. And he told them, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God's right hand!" Acts 7:54-56

Reflection Questions

- What questions and comments do you have about the sermon and supporting texts?

What is the story of your life?

- What is the first thing you want others to know about you?
- What preoccupies you? What do you daydream about?
- What makes you feel the most proud?
- What do you worry about... anxious about?
- Where do you look for comfort, when things go badly?
- What goal or desire unreachd would seriously make you think about turning away from God?

Read Acts 6:8-7:60

- Who was Stephen?
- Why was he arrested (what were the charges)?
- What is Stephen's defense?
- What are the key elements in Judaism that Stephen addresses?
- What is the story that Stephen is telling?
- What is the significance of **Acts 7:54-56**?
- Put yourself in Stephen's sandals in **Acts 7:57-60**. How do you think you would respond?

Thinking a little deeper

- Christians are the most joy-filled people. Agree or disagree? Why? What does this imply about our daily living?
- How do you respond to the possibility of dying because you are a follower of Jesus?
- What does it mean for us (individually and as the body of Christ) to live for Jesus in 2016?