

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

DISCUSSION GUIDE | SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 6. What are some questions you have about this passage?

EXPLORE THE TEXT

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| ACTS 6:8 | How is Stephen described? What else do we know about him (6:5)? |
| ACTS 6:9-10 | Who are the groups of people who started arguing with Stephen? How successful were they in their disputing with Stephen? Why? |
| ACTS 6:11 | Since they couldn't actually 'win an argument' with Stephen, what did they do? What was Stephen charged with? |
| ACTS: 12-14 | Where did they take Stephen? What did they want to happen to him? What did the false witnesses accuse Stephen of doing? What did they think Jesus would do? Why did they think that? |
| ACTS 6:15 | What was Stephen's demeanor as they falsely charged him? Why? |

TRUTH TO LIVE BY

EVERYONE TRUSTING JESUS ALONE TO BE THEIR SAVIOR IS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS.

1. If you were to die right now, would you go to heaven? Why?
2. Why do we sometimes think there are different 'classes' of Christians? Do you think every Christian struggles in some ways? Why/why not?
3. Why do we tend to focus on ourselves and what we can do 'FOR' Jesus rather than keep our focus on Jesus and what He wants to do IN & THROUGH us?

AS WE FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS, WE GROW IN OUR CHARACTER (CHRIST-LIKE).

4. How would your friends describe you? What two words would they use? Why?
5. What do you love? What do you fight for? What is your mission/prize in life?
6. What (or who) are you 'aware of'—give your attention to?
7. Describe your relational sphere of influence (RSI)? Who are 'your' people? Why is it important to lean into your RSI not 'run from it'? What's the difference?
8. In essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty; in all things charity (love). Why is this statement so important & helpful? Give an example.

AS WE SHARE JESUS' LOVE IN OUR RSI, SOME WILL BELIEVE & OTHERS OPPOSE.

9. Why do some people hate seeing Jesus' love & grace lived out through us? Give an example of how this has happened in your RSI?
10. Are you focused on growing in love with Jesus or doing what you think Jesus wants? What's the difference between these two ways of living?

Which of the above truths do you need to practice this next week? Why?