

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

DISCUSSION GUIDE | SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 7. What are some questions you have about this passage?

EXPLORE THE TEXT

ACTS 7:1

Who asks Stephen to give a defense to his accusers' charges?

ACTS 7:2-4

Why does Stephen begin with God's call of Abraham? What land?

ACTS 7:5-6

How did the fact that Abraham had no child threaten God's promise?

ACTS 7:7-8

What 2 things did God do for Abraham & his descendants?

ACTS 7:9a

What happened to Joseph that threatened God's purpose for his life?

ACTS 7:9b-10

Why is it SO important that 'God was with Joseph'?

How did that help?

ACTS 7:11-15

How did God use a famine to do His purpose? What was His purpose?

God gave Joseph 2 dreams as a youth that took 22 years to happen.

TRUTH TO LIVE BY

BEING JESUS' WITNESSES MEANS, AT TIMES, WE WILL NEED TO GIVE A COURAGEOUS APOLOGETIC (DEFENSE) OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

1. Read 1 Peter 3:15-16 & 2 Timothy 2:24-26. How are we to give this defense?
2. Why is our lifestyle just as important as our verbal explanation of the Gospel?

PROMISE: GOD THE FATHER WANTS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.

3. On what basis did God choose Abraham to have a relationship with Him?
On what basis has God chosen you to have a relationship with Him? Why?
4. What promise has God given us today that is the basis of our faith?
5. Why is our faith only as good as the object (person) we put it in? Examples?
6. In what sense does our faith in Jesus grow? How is faith like a 'muscle'?
7. What are two things you can do to grow in your relationship with Jesus?

PURPOSE: GOD THE FATHER WANTS YOU TO LIVE LOVED, MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES.

8. God called Joseph to save the 'world'. How is Joseph like Jesus? Different?
9. What dreams did God give Joseph? What dreams/desires/goals has God given you? If you don't have any, what purpose (dream) may God have for you?
10. Share how you have seen the fulfillment of God's dream becoming reality
1) has been different **2)** the pathway to reality has been hard
3) it's taken more time **4)** yet it's better than what you thought it would be.
11. What does it mean to 'live loved'? Why is the focus of living loved NOT on my love for Jesus, but Jesus' great love for me? Why is this focus better?
12. In what ways are you a multiplying disciple right now?
What are some additional ways you would like to be a multiplying disciple?
13. Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to ask forgiveness from?

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