

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

UNSTOPPABLE: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
THE EXAMPLE OF STEPHEN | ACTS 6:8-7:60  
FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. Humble and active servanthood toward others. Acts 6:8-15
2. Steadfast commitment to the word of God. Acts 7:1-53
3. Clear display of truth and grace to the watching world. Acts 7:51-60
4. Unwavering trust in the power and goodness of God. Acts 7:54-60

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Summarize the story of Stephen in Acts. What about Stephen's sermon made the council want to stone him?
3. What are some serving opportunities you tend to elevate as more important? What are some that many people tend to think aren't worth their time? Informed by Stephen's example, what's the right way for us to think about these various serving opportunities?
4. What does it look like when we speak with truth but without grace? With grace but without truth? How do we speak with both truth and grace like Stephen in his sermon?
5. Think through the different roles God has you in right now. For example, parent, child, neighbor, employee, student, etc. How is God using where you're standing in life right now to give you opportunities to share the Gospel?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Is your regular time in Scripture sufficient for you? If not, what needs to change?
2. One of the reoccurring themes throughout Scripture that we see in Stephen's death is the truth of Romans 8:28: God is using everything, even the really hard things, for good and to advance the Gospel. Share an example of how you've seen this to be true in your own life.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that we would be a church committed to the word of God.
2. Ask God to give us an unwavering trust in His character and His promise to use everything for good.
3. Praise God for faithful brothers and sisters in Christ like Stephen that we can look to for an example to emulate and for encouragement.