

**Calvary Temple Life Groups**  
**Theme: The Holy Spirit & Courage**  
**Lesson 3**

**Lesson: The Holy Spirit helps us to be like Christ:**

**Text: Acts 6-7**

*\*Checklist: check and see they bringing in their Bible if not please provide one if possible)*

**Storytelling by Life Group Leader (Acts 6-7):**

**Things to know:**

- 1. Close your Bible.**
- 2. Pay attention to the narrator.**

There was a man by the name of Stephen. He was a Spirit-filled believer, who was recognized by the early church in chapters 6 and 7 of Acts. Stephen was one of the seven men chosen to help the Apostles. He is described as being honest and full of the Holy Spirit, wisdom, faith and the power of prayer. In Acts 6-7, it gives an example of how Stephen demonstrated each of those qualities.

**Opening Activity:**

Has there ever been a time in your life you were falsely accused? What would be the attitude of your heart in that situation? How did it make you feel? Give time for discussion.

**Open Discussion:**

**Things to do:** Open your Bible and read the story and answer the questions from the text:

**Lesson:**

**Read Acts 6:3, 8-15**

- Please describe Stephen? (vs 3, 8)
- What happened to the people?(vs 9)
- Why couldn't they withstand Stephen? (vs 10)
- What false accusation did they make against Stephen? (vs11-14)
- What did they notice that was different about Stephen?(vs 15)

**Read Acts 7:1-8**

- How did the story of Stephan begin? (vs1 - 3)
- What things did Abraham's father leave behind for Abraham after he died?(vs 4 - 5)
- What did God promise Abraham about his descendants ?(vs 6 - 8)

**Read Acts 7:9-16**

- What happened to Joseph when God was with him? (vs 9-10)
- What happened when the famine came to all of Egypt and Canaan? (vs 11-15)
- What happened when Jacob died? (vs16)

### **Read Acts 7:17-29**

- What happened to the Egyptian's new king? (vs 17-19)
- What happened to Moses after he was born?(vs 20-22)
- What happened to Moses after he reached 40 years of age? (vs 23-24)
- Did Moses' brothers understand what he was doing and the reason? (vs 25 - 29)

### **Read Acts 7:30-34**

- After how many years has God appeared to Moses?(vs 30 - 31)
- What was the message that God inform Moses?(vs 32- 34)

### **Read Acts 7:35-53**

- What are the words they used to go against the leadership of Moses?(vs 35-43)
- According to which design did they build the tabernacle?(vs 44)
- What are things that Joshua took with him into the Promise land?(vs 45-46)
- Who built the house of God?(vs 47)
- Did God dwell in the house made by human hands?(vs 48 - 50)
- What message did Stephen courageously send across to his brothers and fathers who were listening?(vs 51-53)

### **Read Acts 7:54-60**

- What was their reaction after they heard about what Stephen said?(vs 54)
- What happened to Stephen when he was filled by the Holy Spirit? (vs 55)
- What did he say and see?(vs 56)
- What was Saul's role who later became Paul in Stephen's death?(vs 57)
- What happened to the people after they heard Stephen?(vs 57-58)
- What did he say when he called on God?(vs 59)
- What do you think about his prayer line in verse 60, isn't that the same phrase Jesus said when he was nailed to the cross? (Luke 23:34)

### **Overview questions:**

- ❖ What is the best life lesson you learned from the life story of Stephen?
- ❖ What interesting facts did you learn from Stephen?
- ❖ Are you willing to give your life to Christ?
- ❖ Mathew 16:24

### **Conclusion:**

- ❖ The Holy Spirit in our hearts helps us to live a Christ-like character.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit will inspire us:
  - 1) To stand boldly for Christ.
  - 2) To deny ourselves for Christ.
  - 3) To be like Christ.

### **End with Prayer**