

Fellowship Community Group Discussion Guide
Week of May 3, 2020

Introduction from the Leader:

- Welcome back!

Opening Questions:

1. Spend a few minutes catching up with each other, and find out how each person has been doing. Feel free to ask those who are quiet if they are doing ok and what's been going on.
2. When you feel it's time, shift to this opening question: Tell us about the very first job you had in your life, and how much you did or didn't like it.

Into the Text : Ask everyone to turn to Acts 7. This is a longer passage, so let's divide the reading up and take the time to hear Stephen's entire speech. Ask for up to seven volunteers to read the following seven passages straight through: Acts 7:1-8; 9-16; 17-22; 23-29; 30-41; 42-48; 49-53.

What did Stephen take time to talk about the most during this speech. Why do you think that is? (Spend a few minutes talking about what happened in the text) Why was it important for Stephen to talk about so much history? At which verse does Stephen turn to an accusatory tone in his speech? What was the main point of the last portion of his speech? (Talk about the text for a little bit, with your own follow-up questions.)

Application: So as we think about this passage and what application to draw from it, what parts of the salvation story (Genesis through Revelation) do you feel like you want to know more about, so you can explain it better as a witness?

We are warned in this passage not to try to confine God, His work, or His worship. In what ways can we try to limit God in our thinking? How should we think differently to avoid this? How can we work to make Jesus remain the "main thing" in our life as a church?

Prayer time: Ask for a volunteer to open, and a volunteer to close. Spend some time praying, and continue to remember those who are struggling with different challenges during this time. Pray that Christ would be the focus of our lives, individually and as a church.