

“You Will Be My Witnesses”

Acts 1:8; 7:1; 35-39; 51-8:3

Study Questions

Little Trinity Church

26 July 2026

Read Acts 1:8 & if you think you have time, 7:1 to 8:3, otherwise make do with the reading above.

It is unlikely that you would have time to address all 7 questions. Tackle the ones that you think might be most helpful to your group.

1. What were the 2 themes from Stephen's long speech that were highlighted in the sermon? Is the 2nd theme just a Jewish problem?
2. Why do you think the response to Peter's sermon in Acts chapter 2 was so different from the response to Stephen's defense before the Sanhedren?
3. Where was God/Jesus in the events around Stephen's death? How can we make sense of this?
4. What is the Christian hope?
5. It wasn't touched on in the sermon, but what do you think might be the significance of Stephen's vision of God's glory and Jesus standing beside God?
6. If, indeed, Stephen's death was either the active or permissive will of God, how does that impact our reading of Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8?
7. We are unlikely to die for or even be persecuted for our faith. So what are some key take-aways for us in our lives from the declaration that the Holy Spirit has also been given us so that we can suffer and die victoriously?