

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Stephen's Murder

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Scripture: **Acts 7:54–8:1a**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

OVERVIEW

The truth of God and the Gospel produces rage or rest. Stephen spoke the truth about God and about his accusers. They were moved to rage while he remained at peace, even in the midst of being brutally murdered.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Psalms 2, Proverbs 19:3, Psalm 63:2, Hebrews 1:3, Daniel 7, John 16:3, 2 Peter 1:2, Romans 1:7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Regarding Stephen's forgiveness of his murderers, Pastor Joe made the statement, "Peace allows love to flourish." In addition to Jesus on the cross, when have you seen this demonstrated? Do you find it easy to forgive those who have wronged you? What might this say about your experience of peace/shalom?
2. Good theology is both personally experienced and publicly expressed. Do you tend to shy away from sharing God's truth when you know you should? Or do you tend to be more confrontational? Does theology bring you peace? How can theology bring peace to others?
3. Are there parts of God's Word that make you feel inclined to rage and stop your ears?
4. When you experience rage rather than conviction, does it tend to be related to guilt, exposure of your folly, or something else?