

# LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Spring 2023

Week of March 19th

Book of Acts

### DISCUSSION FOCUS:

Primary: Acts 7:54-8:13

Supporting Texts: Acts 1:8, Romans 10:14-15, Matthew 28:18-20

**MAIN IDEA:** Even through persecution, God's sovereignty is shown by the spread of the gospel.

Before we dive into Acts, let's take a few minutes to talk about the Let's Go Initiative. Does anyone have any encouraging stories about Lets Go? How has Let's Go impacted your relationship with Jesus?

### OBSERVE

Read Acts 7:54-8:13

Looking back at Stephen's sermon, what stood out or impressed you the most?

From where did Stephen receive power and wisdom?

What is the crowd's reaction to Stephen's sermon?

Looking at verse 55, how does the vision of Christ standing at the right hand of the Father encourage you?

What does Stephen say in verses 59-60 that seems so countercultural? How is this scene similar to Jesus on the cross?

### INTERPRET

How is Acts 8:4-25 related to Acts 1:8? Why is this significant?

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Read Matthew 28:18-20. How is Acts 8:4-25 a good illustration of the Great Commission?

Read Romans 10:14-15 What do these verses tell us about the importance of literally going and verbally telling people about the good news of the Gospel?

### APPLY

How does God display His sovereignty in the midst of persecution?

Has there been a time where you have experienced persecution for your Christian faith? In what ways was God's mission advanced through that experience?

Close by praying for opportunities to share the gospel in the coming week. Maybe take a few minutes to list 3 people that you can invite to Easter at the Civic center.