

REAL CHURCH
GETTING POWER:
A TEACHING SERIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Traits of a Faithful Follower

Acts 7:1-8:1

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

What traits do you have that most resemble your father? Your mother?

This is the last sermon in our mini-series in Acts (Real Church: Getting Power). What are some of your takeaways from this miniseries?

1. Knows the truth (7:1-50)

What is the big idea of Stephen's sermon? What point is he trying to make?

In what sense is Stephen a preacher *and* a prophet?

The hearers "knew" a lot of what Stephen was telling them, but it did not change them. What are some of the warning signs that truth is simply informing us, but not transforming us?

2. Speaks the truth (7:51-53)

Share a time when needed truth was spoken *to* you, has been well received *by* you, and used by God to *change* you?

Read verse 51. What is insinuated by the name that Stephen called those he addressed? What makes this "name calling" effective and appropriate?

Is there any sense in which "name-calling" should be part of our message to the culture? Why or why not?

3. Lives the call (7:54-8:1)

What is the significance of the title "Son of Man," which Stephen uses for Jesus in verse 56?

Read verses 57. What are some reasons that Stephen's words received such a drastic reaction from those who heard it?

In what ways might someone today have such a response to the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

What are some of the implications of Luke's mentioning Saul's presence at Stephen's martyrdom?

For deeper study this week, reread Acts 7:1-8:1 and consider the following questions:



What is something that shines from these verses, impacts, draws attention?



What is difficult to understand in these verses? What would you like to ask the writer, or the Lord?



What is a point of personal application for your life from these verses?