

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Scripture Reference: **Acts 7:54-8:3**



1. When you think about following Jesus, what are some of the "costs" that you have experienced?
 2. In your own experiences with non-believers, what elements of the Gospel message do they tend to be opposed to? How is that a challenge?
 3. Persecution is an expected part of following Jesus. How much do you think about that? How much do you experience that?
 4. Read Acts 7:54-60. What stands out about Stephen's response to persecution?
 5. How could this passage change the way that you think about facing persecution?
 6. If you are not currently facing much persecution for your faith, what could be a takeaway from the story of Stephen?
- *Close out your time by praying for those around the world who do face intense, violent, and sometimes even fatal persecution. Pray that our own faith would be strengthened to be bold and faithful witnesses for Christ.