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Acts 6:8-7:16

Opposition Leads to Opportunity

God is at work in such a way that opposition leads to opportunity for His gospel to be proclaimed and for His faithfulness to be displayed.

Stephen Spreads the Gospel by Signs and Speaking but Opposition Arises (6:8-7:1)

Application: "...and other duties as assigned."
Being Available to Do More than Just our Job

Lessons from Genesis (Pt. 1) God Makes and Keeps Promises (7:2-8)

Application: Holding on to God's Promises as God Holds on to Us

Lessons from Genesis (Pt. 2) God Provides Amidst Opposition (7:9-16)

Application: God is Providing Better than we Deserve

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Read and Pray Ahead
For Next Week
Acts 6:8-7:16

Read through Acts 6:8-7:16 again.

What do we learn about Stephen in this passage?

What do we learn about God in this passage?

Application Questions for Discussion/Reflection

Being Available to do More than Just Your Job

Have you had a job where you had a lot of things that fell under the category "...and other duties as assigned."?

What was your attitude in that setting about doing things that weren't technically part of your job?

Look back at **Acts 6:1-7**. What was Stephen's "job" in the church? Ironically, Stephen was given his job so that the apostles could focus on prayer and ministry of the Word. Page through **Acts 7-8**...who is ministering the Word of God?

What roles do you have in the church? Would you consider yourself available to do more than just your job? Will you ask God to help you with that?

Holding on to God's Promises as God Holds on to Us

In **Acts 7:2-8**, Stephen highlights God's faithfulness to make and keep promises. What promises of God have you held on to most tightly lately? *(Note: Just below the link on our website where you found this guide you will find a bookmark to print with a sampling of God's promises).*

Try memorizing **Philippians 4:19** or another promise of God this week.

God is Providing Better than We Deserve

How does Stephen highlight God's provision in **Acts 7:9-16**?

How does the gospel of Jesus Christ highlight God's provision for us?

How have you experienced God's gracious provision in recent weeks?