

Be like Stephen.

Write down all the adjectives of Stephen in this passage. Circle one where you can be more like him.

Prayer time.

Group or individual—Turn the study guide to the front sheet and open your Bible to Acts 6. Pray through this chapter—either verse by verse or by the points listed on your sermon outline. (ex. After reading Acts 6:1 “In those days when the number of disciples was increasing...” prayer response—“Please give someone I can reach out to. Add a new unbelieving family to our community group. Fill up the two services we will start in Skippack...”)

Possible Community Group Questions

How does your life and our community group resemble the early church?

How does your life and our community group NOT resemble the early church?

What is one action point for you and your group based on Acts chapter 6?

How are we trying to “increase in number”?

Share a need that you saw this week or a need we could meet in our community. How can our group look more like a body? What can we delegate?

When it comes to complaining, what do you struggle more with—delivering or receiving it? (show of hands)

What is the difference between bringing needs to someone’s attention and complaining? When does a complaint become sinful?

Make a list of all the ways the Bible describes Stephen.

Repeat the Prayer activity above—praying through Acts chapter 6.

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“Shadowing The Early Church”

Acts 6

Keystone Fellowship

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Shadowing The Early Church

Review - Power from Spirit, Prayer, Learning, Community, Radical giving, Sowing the Seed, Boldness, Suffering, Unity, Helping, Awareness of God’s holiness

Are you affecting the number? v. 1,7 “disciples were increasing in number”

What can I do to reach people?

Check your complaining. v.1 “ a complaint arose”

* A good deliverer. Am I being loving? Am I taking my concern to the right person? Have I crossed the line into griping, gossip or slander?

* A good receiver. Let criticism be your coach.

Can you see the need? v.1 “their widows were being overlooked.”

Find your role in the body.— v.2 “it would not be right...to wait on tables.”

Can you delegate? v.3 “select from among you...whom we may put in charge.”

Be like Stephen. V.5, 8, 10 “full of faith & Holy Spirit...power, grace, wisdom.”

Think big. v.7 “a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.”

My action plan: Write it down. One thing I need to learn one thing I need to become one thing I need to do or one thing I need to stop doing as a result of this passage of scripture...

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of January 3, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read through Acts chapter 1-6 this week. Ask God to help you walk in the shadow of the early church in at least one new way.

Are you affecting the number?

Re-read chapter 6:1,7. Explain why God cares about numbers.

How are you involved to help add people to God's body?

What is one way that you could "spread the word" this week?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a prayer list. | <input type="checkbox"/> Give out literature. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give a video out. | <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to a website. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve someone. | <input type="checkbox"/> Make your faith known to someone. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invite to CG or church. | <input type="checkbox"/> Offer to pray for someone. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ask someone where they are on their spiritual Journey. | |

Who is someone you could attempt to disciple this year? If no one comes to mind, take a few moments to ask God to bring you someone you could help grow in their faith.

Check your complaining.

What do you struggle with more? Delivering or receiving criticism?

What is the difference between bringing a need/problem to someone's attention and complaining?

When does a complaint become sinful?

Think about your life over the last few weeks/months. Are you sharing your needs/complaint with the appropriate person? (Either the person who needs to be confronted or the one who is in authority of the situation/area of responsibility).

Is there anyone complaining against or criticizing you? If so, is there some kernel of truth within their criticism that you may be dismissing? Let criticism be your C_____.

Write out one of these verses to remind you this week to encourage one another. Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 27:17, Philippians 2:14, Matthew 18:15

Where is the need?

Why weren't the widows being cared for in Acts 6?

Take a moment to pray and ask God to give you some insight regarding some need around you—one that you may be overlooking. Ask God each day this week to show you a need around the house, neighborhood, class or at work.

Can you delegate?

What are you doing that someone else could be doing?

If you have children, how are they contributing around the house? Are your expectations too small? You will be teaching them responsibility and lightening your load.

Find your role in the body.

Are you comfortable with how you're contributing to the body? Y N

Write down your main contribution to the body.

If you would like to get more involved, please email Brian Milakeve at bmilakeve@kcfonline.org to learn about more opportunities at Keystone.