

# empowered

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GLORY | Acts 6:8-15

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## S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we continued our series called "Empowered". We looked at the sermon of a man named Stephen and what he endured in remaining faithful to Jesus.

## R E A D

Acts 6:8-15 | Acts 7:1 | Acts 7:51-8:1

*Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.*

## D I S C U S S

Facing suffering and hardship, in one way or another, is a reality for all of us.

- 1) Share with one another about a difficult season of your life. Perhaps you're in that hard place right now.
- 2) What kinds of questions did you find yourself asking most during a time of suffering?

Review the story of Stephen in Acts.

- 3) What responsibilities did he have?
- 4) What led to him being arrested?

Stephen was accused of speaking against the temple and against the law.

- 5) Why were these such serious charges in the culture that Stephen lived in?

The temple and particularly the law were seen as the avenues into relationship with God.

- 6) Why does trying to keep the law present a problem to you and me in coming to God?
- 7) What's the significance of Stephen referring to Jesus as "The Righteous One"?
- 8) What is significant about Stephen seeing Jesus standing in the court of heaven?
- 9) What does glory mean and how does seeing the Glory of God speak to our true identity?

## R E S P O N D

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

Be attentive to what Jesus is saying about your true identity. What lies need to be confronted? What truths need to be affirmed.

## P R A Y

*Take some time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.*

Pray that we would be strengthened in our trust of Jesus, our Righteous One. Pray that we would encounter the glory of God in whatever we are facing in our lives.

