

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from August 21, 2011 “Stephen Dragged Before the Council” Acts 6:8-15

Observing the text

Compare the description of Stephen with what Luke wrote about the apostles in Acts 4:33. What can we learn from this?

What do we know about the people who opposed Stephen?

What motivated Stephen’s opponents to drag him before the council?

What were the charges against Stephen and why were they significant?

Why would Luke include the description of Stephen in Acts 6:15?

Applying the sermon

What part of Stephen’s ministry has been most inspiring to you?

How have you seen God’s Spirit enable you to defend the faith? How did God work through that experience?

How have you seen people conspire to oppose God by bringing false charges against people? What was your involvement?

Take a moment and pray for the courage necessary to communicate the truth of Christ in the midst of difficult circumstances. Pray that God will work through His Word, that those who hear will eagerly receive it.