



**November 19, 2017**

**Main Text-Acts 7:54-60**

**Optional Ice Breaker**

Share with the group what you are thankful for in your life and why.

**The BIG IDEA:**

How the right view of God changes how you handle life’s difficult and challenging moments.

**Getting in the Word**

**\*\* Summary-**In Acts 7:1-53 Stephen is slandered by the religious leaders because of his Holy Spirit inspired teaching and they bring him before the Sanhedrin for a fake trial. Stephen then preaches a short sermon which focusses on the redemptive acts of God for his people and how the religious leaders were the ones who killed Jesus. This enrages the Sanhedrin and the crowd that had gathered.

How does seeing the “glory of God” help Stephen know God is bigger than his problem? How can this help us in life’s most difficult and challenging moments?

Read verses 59-60 and Luke 23:34, 46, how does that show Stephen understood God is bigger than his circumstances and anger/frustrations? How is our view of God critical for us to do this?

What does Romans 5:8 teach us about how God is bigger than our problem of being sinners?

Where was Stephen’s focus when his circumstances changed as the angry mob approached him (v. 55)? How can this help us have the right vision of God when our problems escalate?

**Three Things to Think About**

1. Is your view of God big enough?
2. Do you believe God is BIGGER than your problems, circumstances and frustrations in life?
3. How are you thankful for God’s glory, grace and forgiveness in your life?