



How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

Sermon Main Idea:

Following Jesus is a step by step journey which threatens our way of life but leads us to unexpected blessings.

Introduction:

1. What is something you have been afraid that God will ask you to do?
2. In what ways has Jesus made your life better? Or, made it more difficult?

SOAP:

Scripture | read Acts 6:1-15; 7:54-8:1 and relate last week’s daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What is Stephen selected for and why? How is he selected? (6:1-6)
2. What else do we learn about Stephen in our passage? (6:5-10)
3. How does Stephen end up speaking before the Sanhedrin? (6:8-15)
4. Why does the Sanhedrin decide to stone him to death? (7:51-58)
5. How does Stephen respond while being stoned? (7:59-60)

Application | what can we apply to our life today?

1. How could Stephen be so spiritually powerful without being an Apostle? What does that mean for us?
2. Following Jesus led Stephen from serving widows to being martyred; what is the next step for you to take in your walk with Jesus?
3. What is following Jesus costing you right now? What blessings is it bringing?
4. In what way is Jesus threatening your way of life (e.g. physically, financially) and how will you respond?
5. How can you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your application

Last Week’s Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 4/24 – Luke 24:13-35 – Emmaus Road

Tuesday, 4/25 – Psalm 4 – Answer Me

Wednesday, 4/26 – 1 John 3:1-7 – Children of God

Thursday, 4/27 – Acts 3:1-10 – Peter Heals

Friday, 4/28 – Acts 3:11-26 – Peter’s Sermon

Weekend, 4/29-5/1 – Stephen’s Witness