

## Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Acts, part 15, 10-10-2021

1. Read Acts 6:8-15

2. Read Acts 6:8. Because of the holiness of God, we all desperately need the grace of God. Without the work of Jesus Christ on the cross, the \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness would not be possible.

3. Stephen was full of grace. Being full of grace means that Stephen lived out God's grace by giving grace away to other people. Even to his \_\_\_\_\_. He gave grace to all people, who like him, do not deserve God's amazing grace. Like Stephen, we should be full of grace.

4. Stephen was not only full of grace, he was full of power. The great wonders and signs were not to bring glory to Stephen but to be a demonstration of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

5. When we become a Christian by accepting God's free gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit.

6. Your life is controlled by whatever fills you.

7. Stephen's opposition came from religious people. They all argued with Stephen which means they debated Stephen about his beliefs.

8. The religious people lost the debate. Some religious people will do whatever is necessary to prove that they are right, and you are wrong. Even if it means they have to lie and make stuff up.

9. When the religious people could not convict Stephen with the truth, they will try to convict him by making stuff up. This wasn't the first time they had done this. These were the same tactics they used against Jesus. So they continued to spread false accusations

10. How to respond to false accusations? You should prayerfully and honestly ask yourself 3 questions.

1. "Is there any truth to the accusations?"
2. "Are the accusations coming from a trusted source?"
3. "Is someone trying to help or are they trying to hurt?"

11. Consider how Jesus responded to false accusations. Many times, when the religious had conflicts with Jesus, he would not defend Himself, but He would answer them by asking a question. Sometimes Jesus would tell a story, a parable to illustrate a spiritual truth. Sometimes Jesus would quote scripture in response to an accusation. Sometimes Jesus would remain silent.

12. One thing is for sure. We will all be falsely accused. It is our choice how we will respond. May we respond like Jesus. May we respond like Stephen.