

# - Grace and Power -

### Ice-Breaker:

When have you witnessed someone respond to a difficult or unfair situation with calm grace and strength? What made their response stand out?

## **Discussion Questions:**

## Read Acts 6:8, 2 Corinthians 12:9

- 1. Why is it significant that Stephen was full of grace and power?
- 2. How might those qualities be misunderstood or overlooked in the church today?

#### Read Acts 6:9-10, Matthew 10:19-20

- 3. What does it mean that Stephen's wisdom could not be refuted?
- 4. Have you ever seen truth resisted even when it's clearly spoken?

#### Read Acts 6:11-14, Matthew 5:11-12

- 5. Why do you think the religious leaders felt threatened by Stephen?
- 6. What are some modern day equivalents for being falsely accused for your faith?

#### Read Acts 6:15, Exodus 34:29

- 7. Stephen's face was "like the face of an angel." What do you think that means?
- 8. How can the presence of God give us peace, even in hostile situations?

#### **Application**:

• In what areas of your life are you tempted to shrink back instead of standing up for the truth?