

Three Very Different People

Acts 7:44 - 8:3

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Empowered

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

As we bring our study in the first section of the book of Acts to a close, we focus our attention on three very different people. Each person is unique and in a unique situation. No one is the same. Yet, for each person, God has a plan. What we will learn from this powerful section of Scripture is that God is always working. Not only in the good and beautiful things but also in the horrible situations of life.

REALIZE

1. Jesus is the Messiah.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 7:44 - 8:3; Isaiah 66:1-2
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How have I lived in opposition to God's plans?

2. Stephen is the martyr.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 7:44 - 8:3; 2 Timothy 3:12; Matthew 26:64-66; Luke 23:34, 46
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How is Jesus inviting me to live unashamed for God's glory?

3. Saul is the persecutor.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 7:44 - 8:3; Galatians 1:13-16
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Who needs my prayers for Jesus' transformation?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?