# THE TABERNACLE SERMON NOTES

# REVOLUTION | REVOLUTIONARY SACRIFICE | ACTS 6:8-7:60

Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, is falsely accused of blasphemy and brought before the Sanhedrin. During his defense, Stephen demonstrates unshakable conviction, courage, and character. His resolve to honor God results in his stoning and an earthshaking growth of the Gospel.

# **SERMON NOTES:**

Main points, questions or things that stuck out to you.

# FURTHER STUDY:

Cross References, Resources, etc.

Sacrifice: Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:5; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:17 Stephen: Acts 7:1-60; Acts 11:19; Acts 22:20; Acts 8:2

# SMALL GROUP NOTES

#### GROUND RULES

What's said in a group stays in the group.

Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.

Where is it written in the Bible?

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

• What does Stephen's story reveal about how God uses ordinary people to accomplish His purposes?

• Why is it important that Stephen reviewed Israel's history in his defense (Acts 7)?

• What does Stephen's vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:55–56) tell us about Christ's response to faithful sacrifice?

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

• Am I willing to be faithful in small, unseen tasks like Stephen was?

. How do I respond when my faith is challenged or unpopular?

• Do I live with the kind of forgiveness Stephen modeled?

• Am I ready to stand before God? Am I at peace with Him?

• Challenge: Will you consider where God is calling you to live sacrificially?

• Read Ahead: Acts 8:1-25