



Extra Credit: How does the gospel produce both humbleness and boldness? Do you see yourself with these qualities?

3. Summarize Stephen's message from his accusers (vv. 13-14). How does the gospel change the way we look at the temple and the law? Why is it a big deal that the future apostle Paul listened to Stephen's message (8:1)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Stephen's face shone radiantly (v. 15) just as Moses' face shone when he came down from Mt. Sinai with the law (Exodus 34:29). What does Stephen's radiance reveal?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Is it possible that Paul had Stephen in mind when he said that the giving of the law came with such glory that no one could look upon Moses' brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7-8) but that the gospel message brings an even greater radiance (2 Corinthians 3:9-11)? Read the two passages and comment.

6. Stephen had a very short ministry, but through his impact on Paul, he has influenced millions. On a personal note, do you see, as we minister in our humble way, that we might be the instrument of reaching someone who will be even more productive for Christ?

7. As you look at the beginning of Stephen's speech (Acts 7:1-16), remember he is answering the question, "Are these charges true – do you teach that the temple is unnecessary?" Why is Stephen talking history in his response? Did Abraham and Joseph require a temple?

### Pray

- Pray that we may dedicate ourselves to reading through the Bible in one year!
- Pray as we move into 2016 that we will be a church that "makes disciples who make disciples."
- Pray that each one of us will actively mature in Christ through adhering to spiritual disciplines such as prayer, daily immersion and meditation in God's Word, meeting regularly as a church body on Sunday, and meeting regularly in a small group.