Observation: What's happening here? (situation, people, actions)	Interpretation: What does it mean? (repeated words, themes, subtext)	Applice Connection Holy Spirit Space How is God inviting me into this scripture?	Response  Empowered Living  How is God inviting me to respond to His Word?
Read: Acts 6:8-8:1			

## **Reflections**

1. In this passage, Stephen gives a strong defense of the Gospel, Jesus, and his beliefs. Instead of being argumentative, Stephen uses the Old Testament and story to make his case. His method is strategic, tactful, and educated. How able are you to defend your beliefs and Christian faith? What could help you stand firm?

2. As the first Christian martyr was facing the men who were going to stone him to death, Stephen asked God not to count this evil against them, exactly as Jesus did. Both Jesus and Stephen had compassion for their enemies. Describe a situation where forgiveness and praying for restoration would bring you peace of mind?

**Lecture Notes** 

**Prayer Requests**