

4Ws The King Was Standing | Acts 7:1-60

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 133 and 134** together, taking turns reading a verse a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse.

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

WELCOME

Questions.

Who is the most famous person you have ever met? What was it like meeting that person? How did you react to the opportunity and how did you show or express your respect for him or her?

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Discussion Questions.

1. Why do we call the church of the first followers (church in Jerusalem from Acts 2-6) an UNSTOPPABLE church? Refer to Acts 2:42-47, 4: 31, 5: 42, 6: 7)
2. What are the ways that our church can learn, from this church, in order for us to be as successful for the cause of Jesus Christ as they are?
3. Stephen was martyred because he stood up for what he believed in. If suddenly a gunman entered your discussion group and started asking everyone to renounce Jesus Christ, what will you do? (Optional question but very interesting to discuss. Be careful not to put down a member no matter what his or her answer is. We've never been in a situation like that and it's probably never going to happen, so anyone can easily say I will not renounce Jesus. Please read this in advance. It is a very good commentary in this situation: <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/gun-to-your-head-will-you-deny-christ>)

4. When Stephen saw the vision from heaven in Acts 7: 55, he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Why is Jesus standing? Discuss the significance of this.

5. How do you prove that Jesus cares when a believer is martyred for the cause of Christ? (Ref. Psalm 116: 15, 1 Peter 4: 12-13, Phil. 4: 19)

PS the article from John Piper is a very good read!

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Remind them that we've been talking about the death of Stephen, the first Christian martyr in history. Remind them that Stephen had the chance to shut his mouth and walk away if he promised to never speak about Jesus again. Stephen lost his life because he was determined to keep talking about Jesus. Remind the group that Jesus responded to his choice by **STANDING** as Stephen entered heaven. Talk about the moment when we get to heaven and see Jesus for the first time. Our rewards on that day will be based on our faithfulness in sharing Christ with others during our time on earth. Help them to understand that our rewards will depend on our work. Ask them to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to DGroup, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple/individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

Close your time together in prayer.