



Sermon Discussion Guide

Acts

Acts 6:1-8, 7:58-8:1

Ronnie Garcia, October 18, 2020

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. Were you around during Hurricane Maria? If so, what beautiful thing emerged in your life during that difficult time?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

BEAUTY AND EXTERNAL BRUTALITY (vv. 2-3, 7)

1. What are some of the excesses (if even brutality) exist in our culture? How is the life of the church in stark contrast to it?
2. Service was in the very heart of God's people. Ronnie mentioned that there are often risks avoiding service for people both in the lower class and upper class. What obstacles have kept you from participating in service?

BEAUTY AND INTERNAL DIVISION (vv. 1-2, 5)

1. Cultural, ethnic, and racial division is the age old problem in the church. How is a church in Puerto Rico uniquely suited to heal or exacerbate that problem?
2. If you are Puerto Rican, what is one thing that blesses you about the spiritual culture of "mainlanders"? If you are from the 50 states, what is one thing that blesses you about the spiritual culture of Puerto Ricans?

Step 3: Final Reflections

1. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
2. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?