

CVC Life Group Guide— Acts 6:8-15 Stop Like Stephen

Opening Question:

- *“What stops you from doing something you know you should do?”*
(Fear, comfort, people’s opinions, uncertainty, etc.)

Follow-up: *“What tends to grab your attention or ‘seize’ you the most in daily life?”*

Transition: We’re all shaped by what stops us—and what seizes us.

Scripture Reading: Read aloud: **Acts 6:8–15**

Prompt: *“What stood out to you in this passage?”*

Who was Stephen?

- Ordinary role (food distribution)
- Extraordinary life (miracles, bold witness)
- Cut off socially → depended on Christian community

Key phrase: He was *“full”* — not a moment, but a lifestyle

5 Inner Attributes of Stephen

1. Full of the Holy Spirit (Yielding)

- Ongoing surrender, not occasional moments

Ask: *What does daily surrender to God actually look like for you?*

2. Full of Wisdom (Skilled Living)

- Living beautifully, reflecting God

Ask: *Where do you need God’s wisdom right now?*

3. Full of Faith (Trusting God’s Control)

- Believed God was sovereign—even through hardship

Ask: *What situation in your life requires real faith right now?*

4. Full of Grace (Understanding Favor)

- Knew salvation isn’t earned

Ask: *Do you tend to live like you have to earn God’s approval?*

5. Full of Power (God Working Through Him)

- Not self-focused, but God-focused

Ask: *Where could God use you to impact others this week?*

Opposition & Response

What happened to Stephen?

- Faced lies, accusations, injustice
- Could have defended himself aggressively

But instead:

- Calm
- Peaceful
- Face shining (God's presence)

Discussion:

- *How do you usually respond when you're misunderstood or attacked?*
- *What would it look like to respond like Stephen?*

Personal Application

Big Question:

- *What is stopping you from fully following God?*

Big Question #2:

- *What needs to "seize" you for that to change?*

Practical Reflection:

- Time with God
- Surrender
- Trust over fear
- Standing when others don't

Ask: *What does "standing for God" look like in your life this week?*

(School, work, relationships, habits, etc.)

Prayer & Ministry Time Options:

- Silent reflection
- Group prayer
- Invite people to:
 - Surrender something to God
 - Ask for boldness
 - Commit to time with Jesus

Closing Statement : If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything. Stephen stood because he was *completely seized by God*.