Acts 7 & 8

Chapter 7:

Comprehension – What stood out to you in this chapter?

Interpretation

What did Stephen actually say about Moses? Anything blasphemous?

What was Stephen's point about the holy place and the laws?

How did the accusers live up to Stephen's accusations? (vs51-53 and vs 57-59)

How does Stephen emulate Jesus?

Application

Are you able to site scripture and stand firm in the ways that Stephen could? How could you improve at these things?

Chapter 8:

Comprehension – What stood out to you in this chapter?

Interpretation

Hardcore persecution has begun in Chapter 8. In what ways was this necessary? How did God use Stephen's martyrdom as an integral part in His plan?

Verses 16-17 tells us the Samaritans believed and were baptized, but they did not receive the Holy Spirit until Peter and John laid hands on them. Why do you think this extra step was required?

Phillip's entire ministry in this chapter is focused on non-Jews, why is this note-worthy?

Application

Do you ever intentionally not share the gospel with people based assumptions you've made about them because of their appearance or ethnicity?