



Adult Life Groups & Care Groups

Shively Baptist Church | Louisville, KY

Care Group Leaders Handout For Sunday July 13th, 2014

Planned Schedule:

- 0900-0910 – Meet & Greet in Life Groups
- 0910-0915 – Focus (TBD)
- 0915-0930 – Teaching Time (Life Group Leaders)
- 0930-1015 – Care Group Time (Care Group Leaders)



God's Church on the Move

"Standing Ovation"

Acts 6:8-8:1a

Background: After the calling of the first deacons (or proto-deacons), one of their members becomes the first Christian martyr.

Consider in Care Group:

1. Consider the character of Jesus' disciples (the early church) in general, and Stephen in particular, as described in Acts 6:5, 8-10, 15; 7:55-58.
 - a) ***Discuss the general character traits describing these early Christians.***
 - b) ***Compare these to the "Fruits of the Spirit" found in Galatians 5:22-23.***
2. Consider the character of the Gospel's early opponents as described in Acts 6:11-14; 7:51-54.
 - a) ***Discuss the general character traits describing these early opponents to the Gospel.***
 - b) ***Compare these to the "Acts of the Flesh" found in Galatians 5:19-21***
3. Ask some compare/contrast questions:
 - a) ***"Are today's opponents of the Gospel much different from those 2,000 years ago?"***
 - b) ***"How does a person change (undergo a metamorphosis) from Gospel opponent to disciple?"***
 - c) ***"Do we live lives that image (reflect) an "opponent – acts of the flesh" lifestyle ~or~ a "disciple – fruit of the Spirit" lifestyle?"***
 - d) ***"What are the implications if we "claim Christ" and yet live out "Acts of the flesh"?"***