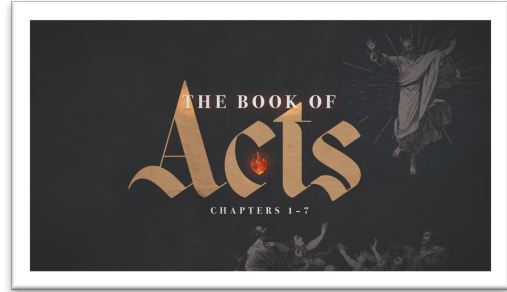


WHEN THEY HEARD

ACTS 7:55-8:3 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD
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The faithful proclamation of the Word of God provokes some to react unreasonably (7:54, 57-58a), compels Christians to die well (7:55-56, 59-60), shocks many as it works (7:58b, 8:1a, 3a), moves the church to mission (8:1b, 2, 3b), and reveals God's power and glory (7:55, 60).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is there any part of this passage that stands out to you in an inspirational, or challenging way? Why might this be the case?
2. What are some reasons that people reject God's kind offer of salvation? How do respond to the most common unreasonable excuses you hear?
3. What would it mean for you to die well? If persecution is not likely to be the cause of your demise, what will you risk most as you live boldly for Christ?
4. Are you asking to be excused from Christ's mission? What are some ways to counter your own excuses?