

Here. There. Everywhere. First Things First

For the week of Oct. 14, 2018

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GOAL: To understand our priorities as the people of God.

GET GOING:

1. What are your top 3 priorities? Write those down. Now think of how you actually spend your time. Is where you spend your time in line with your priorities?
2. Review the 5 priorities for the people of God from this weekend's message. Which one are you currently doing well? Which one do you need to work on? What practical next step can you take this week to grow in that area?
 - Engage in ministry
 - Expect opposition
 - Explain the gospel
 - Endure hardship
 - Encourage others
3. The Book of Acts is filled with examples of the apostles coming up against opposition. How do you handle unfair criticism as you live out and share your faith?
4. Read about Stephen's defense in Acts 7:1-53. How well do you know your Bible? Could you articulate the gospel when the Holy Spirit prompts you to share it with another person?

KEEP GROWING:

5. While we live in a relatively safe country with freedom of religion, Christians around the world die every day for the sake of the gospel. Would you be willing to lay down your life for the sake of spreading Jesus' fame?



6. There are many parallels between the persecution and crucifixion of Jesus and Stephen's persecution in Acts 6-7. Re-read Acts 6-7 and point out any parallels you see.

7. Observe parts of the life of Jeremiah the prophet in these verses: Jeremiah 1:1-19; 11:21; 20:1-2. Just like the New Testament apostles, the Old Testament prophets received opposition and persecution because of their ministry (Acts 7:52). What principles from this weekend's message do you see in these verses from Jeremiah?

8. As Pastor Ron shared this weekend, in light of the opposition and hardship that comes with sharing the gospel, we need to encourage one another (Acts 8:1-3). Is this something for which you're known? We can all grow in this area. What's one thing you can do this week to specifically encourage another brother or sister in Christ?

Bonus Challenge: Think of someone who needs encouragement and send them a well thought out text letting them know you're praying for them.

Memory Verse: *"But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking" (Acts 6:10).*

