

THE Story

Lesson 22 Chapter 28 New Beginnings(Pt 2) p.397-401

1. How have the churches that you have attended been organized and led? Did they have a Deacon committee?

2. On the bottom of page 397, we are introduced to a "deacon" by the name of Stephen ("crown"). He is described as "a man full of God's grace and power." What do you think this implies about Stephen?

3. Describe Stephen as he was seen by his opponents. (p. 398)

Why was their judgment of him so biased?

What tactic did his accusers resort to and what did this prove about them and about Stephen?

4. What might be implied by the statement on the middle of page 398, "they say that his face was like that of an angel."

5. What strengthened Stephen in this crisis and why should this be an encouragement to us? (bottom of page 398)

6. Consider the likeness between Stephen and his Lord in his life, character, and in his death. Where did this likeness come from & how may we follow his example?

7. Who watched Stephen being martyred and how did he feel about it? (page 399)

How did the events that unfolded after Stephen's death help begin to fulfill the challenge of the "great commission"?

8. On the bottom of page 399 we are told that Saul wanted to arrest those "who belonged to the Way." In what dramatic way did God intervene and get Saul's attention? (p.399-400)

In harassing those "who belonged to the Way", who had Saul really been persecuting?

9. How hard would it have been for Ananias to go to Saul?

What does it tell you about Ananias that he obeyed?

10. Read Galatians 1:15-18. Why might Paul have been led to go to Arabia?

11. How disturbing was Paul's preaching to the Jews in Damascus?

How was this a prediction of the Lord's words to Ananias..."I will show him how much he must suffer for my name"?

12. Why was Saul not warmly received by the Jerusalem believers? (page 401)

Why are the words "But Barnabas" so significant?

13. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace