

EXPLORER THURSDAY MORNING WATCH

Today we are going to shift to the New Testament and look at two men important in establishing the Christian church after the death of Christ. This morning you are to be an investigative reporter. You will read the account of what happened and then take it apart to find the facts. You will be answering the 5Ws and H.

Read Act 6:3,5, 8-15 (Acts 7:1-50 is a recounting of Israel's history (parts of it you have studied already this week with Abraham, Moses, and David.)

Read Acts 7:51 – 8:1

WHO: Who is the main character? List everything you see about him.

A second man is named near the end of chapter 7. Who is it and what do you see about him?

WHAT: What happens? What are the events that are recounted?

WHEN: Glance back at the earlier portions of Acts to get the context

WHERE: Where do the events occur?

WHY: Why did the events occur? What was the reason?

HOW: How did Stephen respond? How did the crowd/the people respond? How did Saul respond?

Write a 1-2 sentence summary of what you learned about Stephen.

Where/on whom was Stephen focused? How did this impact what happened and his response?

Where/on whom are you focused? How is it impacting your life and your responses to circumstances?

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Think about Stephen. How did his relationship with Christ influence/change him and therefore his life?