The JOURNEYMEN

"We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said,
I will give it to you: come with us, and we will do you good..."
-- Numbers 10:29

Book Study #5 ACTS **Acts 5:17 – 6:15**

The Apostles Persecuted – Choosing of the Seven – Stephen Seized

Before we begin this journey...

1. What bullies do you remember from grade school?
2. If you had to spend next Saturday morning leading a Bible study, praying with other Christians, or serving breakfast to a group of widows, which activity would you choose?
3. When was a time you were falsely accused? What happened?

Do Some Research and Mapping...

4. What is going on here? (5:17 – 5:29)
5. What made the Jewish elders furious? (5:29-32)
6. Who intervened on behalf of Peter and the others? How? (5:34-39)
7. How did the elders deal with the apostles and what did the apostles do when they left? (5:40-42)
8. What complaint did the Grecian Jews make? (6:1)
9. What did the apostles—the Twelve—do in response to criticism? (6:2-4)
10. How did the group respond to the apostles' proposal? (6:5)
11. Who was Stephen…what kind of person was he…what did he do among the people? (6:8)
12. How did the false witnesses misrepresent Stephen? (6:13-14)

Sort, Organize, Discuss, Understand...

13. What forms of opposition do Christians experience today?
14. For what principles should a Christian stand at all costs?
15. How should we deal with tensions arising from differences between church members?
16. How can we learn to channel our complaints into solutions?
17. What does it mean to be "full of God's grace and power"?
18. What should we do when we are falsely accused?

Write It Down...

Application for this week...

19. What do you want to remember the next time you are challenged or hurt for your faith in Christ?
20. How can you help free your church leaders to focus on their mission of prayer, evangelism, and teaching?
21. What can you do to copy Stephen's example whenever you are falsely accused in some way?

Write It Down...

A prayer for your journey… *"Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life."* *-Amen*

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