

Convictions of a Viral Evangelist
Sermon # 8, Acts 6:7-8:4

Main Point: God uses ordinary people who are yielded to Him to go viral with His good news.

Getting to Know You

1. What are the names of some ordinary people whom you've seen God use powerfully beyond their abilities?

Getting into the Book

Read Acts 6:3, 5, 8

1. How is Stephen described in these verses?
2. What does it mean to be yielded to and filled with the Holy Spirit?

Read Acts 6:9-15

3. Who was opposed to Stephen's ministry? How was Stephen able to handle the accusations against Him?
4. How do you think you would have responded if you were in Stephen's position? Consider Luke 12:11-12; 21:10-15.
5. Why is being yielded to the Holy Spirit so important when it comes to going viral?

Read Acts 7:51-60

6. Why were the religious leaders so upset with Stephen?
7. How would have Stephen's vision of Jesus encouraged him to be bold? What does this scene tell you about Christ's response to His persecuted Church?

Read Acts 8:1-4

8. How did the religious leaders' plans to persecute the church backfire? See Acts 1:8.

Getting Out There

9. What does verse 4 tell us about the "ordinary" Christian's role in going viral with God's good news? What application does this have for us in light of our plans to launch the Lighthouse location?
10. Have each Family Group member give their answers to these questions:
Who are you reaching? Has anyone had the opportunity to go viral since we last met?
 - a. Reach up in prayer. What are the names of the three people you praying for to come to Christ?
 - b. Reach out in relationship. What steps have you taken to build a relationship with them?
 - c. Reach in with the gospel. When will you take a step of faith and share the gospel or your testimony with them?

Pray

Pray for God to move in the hearts of each Christian at E-Free to be yielded to Him and to go viral for Him.
Praise God for our Vacation Bible School