

**Momentum- A Study in Acts**  
**Fullness – Study Guide**

**Acts 6-8:3**

***Big Idea: Faith gives me God's Fullness***

1. Tell of a time when you were wrestling with fear, and God gave you a measure of faith to endure and even thrive. Describe what that was like for you.

2. In our passage this week, Stephen was full of God's Spirit:

a. *"...full of faith and of the Holy Spirit..."* (6:5). Faith seemed to open the door for the fullness of God to dwell within Stephen. He believed in the OT scripture, prophecies, Messiah, Jesus, the resurrection, the great commission, and the hope of eternal life. He was chosen by the church because he had this reputation. He believed so strongly that he was willing to die for these truths. Read Ephesians 3:16-19 and discuss how we can be people who are full of faith.

b. *"...full of the Spirit and of wisdom..."* (6:3). Why do you think thriving churches need people who have, not just speaking gifts, but also serving gifts? Discuss what it must have been like to assimilate 25,000 people into Christian fellowship. Do you ever feel that serving gifts are not as important as speaking gifts? How might this passage change your view on that?

c. *"...full of grace and power..."* (6:8).

As you recount the events of Acts 6-7, how was Stephen full of grace and power? Think of the way he answered the Sanhedrin. Discuss his powerful confrontation in verses 51-53. Discuss the height of grace in what he said in verse 60. How does God's Spirit guide us to be full of grace and power? What does that look like in our lives?

3. Read Acts 8:1-3. Notice that Stephen's tragedy led to persecution, but also to an explosive expansion of the church into a global movement. How might things we see as a "tragedy" actually be a powerful work of God? How can we honor God by being a people of faith? Discuss.

**Application**

Take the time to pray and lay your fears before God. Ask God to give His church great faith and the fullness of Christ.

# Momentum

A STUDY IN ACTS

## THE BOOK OF ACTS

### 10-Week Reading Plan

Use this reading plan to prepare you for the weekly sermons at our weekend services. Ask God to speak to you through His word and the Holy Spirit.

#### WEEK 1 - INCEPTION

**Sep. 25 & 26** Acts 1-2:41 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 2 - DEVOTED

**Sep. 27** Acts 1:1-11

**Sep. 28** Acts 1:12-26

**Sep. 29** Acts 2:1-13

**Sep. 30** Acts 2:14-28

**Oct. 1** Acts 2:29-41

**Oct. 2** Acts 2:42-47

**Oct. 2 & 3** Acts 2:42-47 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 3 - BOLD

**Oct. 4** Acts 3:1-10

**Oct. 5** Acts 3:11-26

**Oct. 6** Acts 4:1-22

**Oct. 7** Acts 4:23-37

**Oct. 8** Acts 5:1-16

**Oct. 9** Acts 5:17-42

**Oct. 9 & 10** Acts 3-5 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 4 - FULL

**Oct. 11** Acts 6:1-7

**Oct. 12** Acts 6:8-15

**Oct. 13** Acts 7:1-19

**Oct. 14** Acts 7:20-38

**Oct. 15** Acts 7:39-53

**Oct. 16** Acts 7:54-8:3

**Oct. 16 & 17** Acts 6-8:3 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 5 - FLOURISH

**Oct. 18** Acts 8:4-25

**Oct. 19** Acts 8:26-40

**Oct. 20** Acts 9

**Oct. 21** Acts 10

**Oct. 22** Acts 11

**Oct. 23** Acts 12

**Oct. 23 & 24** Acts 8:4-12 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 6 - MOBILE

**Oct. 25** Acts 13:1-12

**Oct. 26** Acts 13:13-42

**Oct. 27** Acts 13:43-52

**Oct. 28** Acts 14:1-7

**Oct. 29** Acts 14:8-20

**Oct. 30** Acts 14:21-28

**Oct. 30 & 31** Acts 13-14 (*Sermon*)

## WEEK 7 - FRAMILY

<b>Nov. 1</b>	Acts 15:1-6
<b>Nov. 2</b>	Acts 15:7-11
<b>Nov. 3</b>	Acts 15:12-21
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Acts 15:22-35
<b>Nov. 5</b>	Acts 15:36-40
<b>Nov. 6</b>	Acts 16:1-5
<b>Nov. 6 &amp; 7</b>	Acts 15-16:5 (Sermon)

## WEEK 8 - SHAKE

<b>Nov. 8</b>	Acts 16:6-15
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Acts 16:16-40
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Acts 17
<b>Nov. 11</b>	Acts 18
<b>Nov. 12</b>	Acts 19
<b>Nov. 13</b>	Acts 20:1-16
<b>Nov. 13 &amp; 14</b>	Acts 16:6-20:16 (Sermon)

## WEEK 9 - WITNESS

<b>Nov. 15</b>	Acts 20:17-21:36
<b>Nov. 16</b>	Acts 21:37-22:29
<b>Nov. 17</b>	Acts 22:30-23:35
<b>Nov. 18</b>	Acts 24
<b>Nov. 19</b>	Acts 25:1-22
<b>Nov. 20</b>	Acts 25:23-26:32
<b>Nov. 20 &amp; 21</b>	Acts 20:17-26:32 (Sermon)

## WEEK 10 - GO

<b>Nov. 22</b>	Acts 27:1-12
<b>Nov. 23</b>	Acts 27:13-26
<b>Nov. 24</b>	Acts 27:27-44
<b>Nov. 25</b>	Acts 28:1-10
<b>Nov. 26</b>	Acts 28:11-16
<b>Nov. 27</b>	Acts 28:17-31
<b>Nov. 27 &amp; 28</b>	Acts 27-28 (Sermon)

As you read throughout this series please feel free to send your thoughts to [acts@communityfellowship.com](mailto:acts@communityfellowship.com) by Wednesday of each week. We are excited to hear from you about what God is teaching and revealing to you through the readings. It's possible that what God is saying to you may be something He wants to share with our church family. Your submission may be something we share with the Church on the weekend.



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## Message Slides

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Future Growth- 4-step plan (shift- right-size- 4<sup>th</sup> service- multisite)

### Reading Plan

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### Key Verse:

#### I. Full of Faith (Acts 6:5)

<sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, ...

#### II. Full of Wisdom (Acts 6:1-7)

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

#### II. Full of Wisdom (Acts 6:1-7)

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

#### III. Full of Grace and Power (Acts 6:8-7:60)

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. <sup>10</sup>But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

#### III. Full of Grace and Power (Acts 6:8-7:60 cont.)

<sup>11</sup>Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." <sup>12</sup>And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, <sup>13</sup>and they set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law,"<sup>14</sup>for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will

destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” <sup>15</sup>And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

### III. Full of Grace and Power (Acts 6:8-7:60 cont.)

<sup>71</sup>And the high priest said, “Are these things so?”

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A. God

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, <sup>3</sup>and said to him, ‘Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.’

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<sup>9</sup>“And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him

B. Moses

‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?’ <sup>28</sup>Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ <sup>29</sup>At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

C. Law & Tabernacle

<sup>44</sup>“Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen....

<sup>47</sup>But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

### III. Full of Grace and Power (Acts 6:8-7:60 cont.)

<sup>49</sup>“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.

What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?

<sup>50</sup>Did not my hand make all these things?’

### III. Full of Grace and Power (Acts 6:8-7:60 cont.)

<sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.<sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered,<sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

### III. Full of Grace and Power (Acts 6:8-7:60 cont.)

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God... <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

## Big Idea: My Faith gives me God’s Fullness

### Acts 8:1-3

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria except the apostles. <sup>2</sup>Devout men buried Stephen and made

great lamentation over him. ³But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

**Prayer****Eph. 3:16-19**

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen [me] with power through his Spirit in [my] inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in [my] heart through faith. ...rooted and established in love, ...that [I] may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.