

DRIVEN BY LOVE

Acts 7.1-16 // September 4, 2022

EMMAUS 2.0

Luke 24.13-35

Stephen has been falsely charged with blasphemy, and he begins his response not by defending himself, but defending the Gospel. He begins to affirm commonly held truths about the Jews' heritage with some "Judaism 101." Luke, who authored Acts, wrote of a story with some similarities toward the end of his Gospel. In it, Jesus used the Old Testament to reveal Himself to His inquirers. Here, Stephen does the same, pointing his accusers to the Old Testament as a means to hopefully showing them Christ.

ABRAHAM AND JOSEPH

Stephen first affirms the story of Abraham and the promises that God made to him, but he then moves into the story of Joseph, and it is here that Stephen first starts dropping hints of where he is going.

Joseph and Jesus Foreshadowing

- Hated and plotted against by their own brothers
- Both foretold of their future exaltation as a king
- Stripped of their robes, both of which were bloodied
- Both sold for silver
- Sentenced with 2 criminals...one saved, one lost
- For both, every knee shall bow
- Both were unrecognized by their own brothers
- Both were among 12 Brothers
- Both saved all who came to them for the bread they offered
- Their betrayals saved the lives of many
- Both had the power to condemn, but forgave those who betrayed them
- Both married a Gentile bride

A WITNESS OF LOVE

Philippians 1.29, 30 // Mathew 5.10-12

Though we ought to love those we are sent to, the love that ultimately drives us should not be primarily our love for others, because that love can be fickle. People and friends abandon us and betray us, and that can affect our love. Rather, the love that drives us ought to be our love for our Father, because His love for us never changes. When we truly witness the love of God, we will share the Gospel.

**Reporters share about their *information*,
yet witnesses share about their *transformation*.**

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Hebrews 4:10

For whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 7.1-16**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does having the love of God be our motivation change the way that you go about your daily life and interactions with others, rather than having your love for others be the main motivator?

Your Life Mission

We are called to love our neighbors, and even our enemies. Without a deep love and understanding of God's love for us, this can't happen. What do you need specific prayer for as it pertains to the specific ways that God is calling you into certain relationships or circumstances for the sake of the Gospel?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

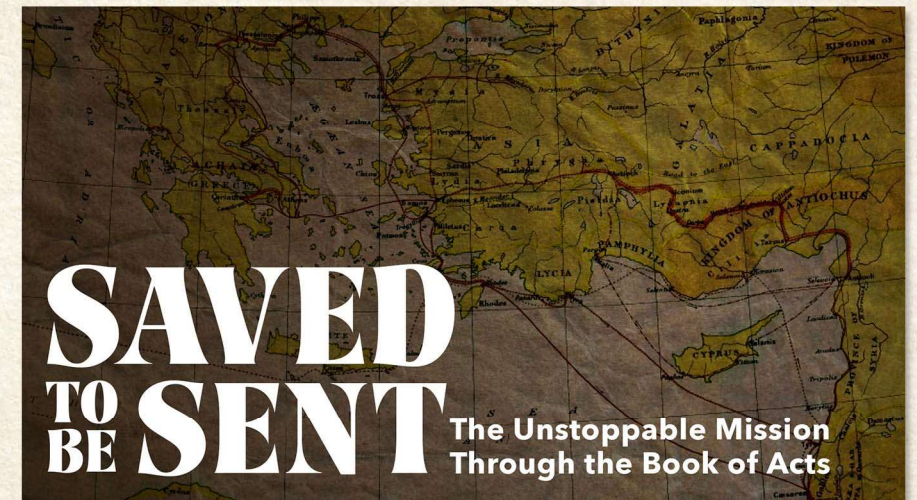
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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