

Three Lessons from Stephen's Martyrdom

January 3, 2021

Text: Acts 6:5, 8, 10; 7:54-8:4

Embrace the Revelation of Our Idols

- During adversity, _____ idols are revealed.

- During adversity, the Spirit is also challenging our _____ idols.

Embrace a Spirit-formed Character

- The underlying principle of Christian character is _____.

- The Spirit-formed character is _____.

- The Spirit-formed character is also full of _____.

- The Spirit-formed character is _____.

Consider Adversity a Catalyst for God's Work

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What was the most significant adversity you faced prior to 2020? What did you learn about yourself? Life? Faith? Relationships?
- What idols do you think the Spirit is exposing in the church during our current hardship?
- Has the Spirit revealed any personal idols to you? What are they? How are you dealing with them?
- Why do you think Spirit-fullness is so essential to Christian character and living?
- What are some ways God's power is available to us for daily living?
- What are some of the miracles you have witnessed? How did they form your faith? Did they draw others to Christ?
- How do adversity and persecution catalyze the mission of God? How do you envision the current struggle advancing Christ's redemptive purposes?
- How can we become more reliant upon the Spirit's presence and power? How will that strengthen our witness? Our grace, wisdom, and service?