

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



March 17, 2024

“Be Courageous” - #5 in the series Follow Me: *Love God, Neighbor, Enemy*

Texts (NIV): Acts 6:8-7:2; 7:57-60

Guest Speaker - Greg Gunderson

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. Consider what it means to be courageous - *not deterred by danger or pain, fearless or unafraid, bold or heroic.*
 - Can you recall when you or someone you know responded to a situation with courage?
 - How did that experience deepen your understanding of what it means to be courageous?

3. **(For Context) Read Acts 6: 1-7.**
 - How are details about the early church and its selection of deacons helpful to our understanding of Stephen's role in the church?

4. **Read Acts 6:8-15.**
 - What are your impressions of Stephen in this encounter with the Sanhedrin - the synagogue leaders?
 - Why did these synagogue leaders oppose and rally the people to speak against him?

5. **Read Acts 7: 1-2, 51-60.**
 - Why did Stephen's response provoke his accusers' extreme response to stone him?
 - Does the story of Stephen resonate with current-day issues calling for courage? In what ways?

6. How can we pray for you?