

Acts 5-7 Study Guide for Whiskey & Worship

Acts 5: Integrity, Boldness, and God's Power

-Focus Areas:

- Ananias and Sapphira's deceit and its severe consequences (Acts 5:1-11).
- God's power working through the apostles, including miraculous signs (Acts 5:12-16).
- The apostles' boldness in preaching despite persecution. They're imprisoned & freed by an angel (Acts 5:12-42).

-Men's Group Reflection:

- Integrity matters. Are you living with honesty and transparency before God and others?
- What fears or pressures are holding you back from boldly standing for Christ like the apostles?
- How have you seen God's power at work in your life or the lives of men around you?

Acts 6: Serving with Purpose and Wisdom

-Focus Areas:

- The appointment of the first deacons to serve and manage practical needs (Acts 6:1-7).
- Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and six others are chosen (Acts 6:5).
- Stephen falsely accused of blasphemy (Acts 6:8-15).

-Men's Group Reflection:

- Are you willing to serve where God has placed you, even if it's behind the scenes or not glamorous?
- What qualities of Stephen—faith, wisdom, Spirit-filled character—do you want to cultivate?
- How can the group support one another in serving with humility? And in standing strong in the face of opposition intent on our destruction?

Acts 7: Courage to Stand and Witness

-Focus Areas:

- Stephen's powerful defense before the council, recounting Israel's history (Acts 7:1-53).
- Stephen boldly confronts the leaders about their rejection of God's messengers (Acts 7:54-60).
- Stephen becomes the first Christian martyr, praying for his persecutors (Acts 7:59-60).

-Men's Group Reflection:

- What does Stephen's courage teach you about standing firm in your faith when faced with opposition?
- How can you develop a heart that prays for your enemies and those who oppose you?
- Are you ready to be a bold witness, even if it means personal cost?

Practical Applications for Men's Lives:

-Integrity Challenge: Encourage men to examine areas where God may be calling them to greater honesty and accountability.

-Service Commitment: Discuss ways each man can serve their family, church, or community with faithfulness and humility.

-Courage Builders: Share stories or testimonies about standing firm under pressure and pray for boldness.

-Prayer Focus: Follow Stephen's example in praying for those who oppose or challenge your faith.