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STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

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Read Acts 6:8-7:60

What comes to mind for you when you hear someone described as being "full of the Holy Spirit"?

From the two chapters, list as many things as you can about Stephen and what characterized him. Then create a similar list of what could be said about Saul (if you include him along with the other religious leaders).

Saul was very religious, yet he did not have the Holy Spirit empowering his life. Have you considered yourself a religious person, or a person of faith? What do you see as making the difference?

The sermon made the point that the filling of the Spirit is a gift and not the goal. What does that mean? Do you agree? Why does it matter?

The purpose of Stephen or any of us being filled with the Spirit is to bear witness to Christ. How does that change the significance?