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*Sermon Questions*

*October 1, 2023*

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1. Review the similarities of the life of Moses and the life of Christ. Review the life of Stephen to the life of Christ. Are there ways in which our lives can reflect the life of Christ to those around us. (Likely not to the same degree as Moses or Stephen, but in what ways, can we possibly compare our lives to the life of Christ.)
2. Stephen points out many of the inconsistencies in the accusations of the Sanhedrin toward him. What inconsistencies do we face from accusations from the world around us? In looking at how Stephen responded, is that the way we should respond to our accusers? Why or why not.
3. Stephen refers to them as stiff-necked and not being able to see the moving of the Holy Spirit. If Stephen was speaking to the people of Living Hope, would he use the same description or not? Are there areas in our own life or in the life of the church where we are resisting the moving of the Holy Spirit? What are areas in which we have seen the Spirit moving and followed him?
4. Before Stephen died he prayed for the Lord to forgive those who were stoning him. Is there a difference between forgiving someone and praying for the Lord's forgiveness? Are there people in our lives who we need to not only forgive, but pray that the Lord forgives? Are there people that the church as a whole needs to forgive and ask for the Lord's forgiveness?
5. Stephen was the first martyr of the Church of Christ. Since then many people have been willing to give up their life for the name of Jesus. Take some time to pray for the many people in the world who have currently lost loved ones due to martyrdom. Pray that we may have the strength to stand up for Christ if we are called into that position. Thank the Lord that we are living in a place where we don't have to fear for our lives because we are Christians.