

*Joining God on His Mission*  
**Dying for the Mission**  
Acts 7:54-8:3

**Question:** What should we know if we are a witness for Jesus?

**I. A Witness can be Opposed and Assured (54-55)**

**II. A Witness Can Be a Witness to the End (56-58)**

**III. A Witness can Suffer and Die Like Jesus (59-60)**

*"Father into your hands I commit my spirit."* (Lk. 23:46)

*"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."* (Lk. 23:34)

**IV. Witnesses can be Scattered by Persecution (8:1-3)**

*"you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* (Acts 1:8b)

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**Point to Ponder:** I'm struck by how Stephen's sure and certain hope allowed him to be a witness even in his death. How might we use a discussion of our own death to be a witness for Jesus? How might our grief over a loved one, also serve as a platform for our witness for the one who will rise to greet us when we die?

**Next Week:** Next Sunday we will break from our sermon series to hear from Rev. Michael Kuhn as a part of our Mission Conference.

