

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: August 17, 2016**  
**Acts 7:54-60**

1. What happened in last week's text?
  - a. The Hellenistic Jews began to oppose Stephen.
  - b. Stephen spoke to them with wisdom and they could not argue with him.
  - c. These Jews began to produce false witnesses to lie about Stephen.
  - d. Stephen spoke a powerful message about the Jewish history of rebellion against God and how they were continuing in the footsteps of those rebellious people.
  
2. How, according to 7:54, did the members of the Sanhedrin respond?
  - a. They gave him a standing ovation.
  - b. They went to the altar to repent.
  - c. They were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.
  
3. How did Stephen respond?
  - a. He looked up into heaven.
  - b. He saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
  - c. He told them to look at what he saw.
  
4. How did they respond, according to verses 57-58? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Why might verse 58 mention this man named Saul?
  - a. No reason, just keeping track of all of the details.
  - b. Jesus' primary ministry was to the lost sheep of Israel and the beginning of the book of Acts talks about the apostles' ministry in Jerusalem. This encounter with Hellenistic Jews, however, begins the transition of the church toward ministry to Gentiles.
  - c. This foreshadows Saul's conversion in chapter 9 and much of the rest of the book of Acts centers on Paul's ministry.
  
6. How did Stephen respond to this attack, according to 7:59?
  - a. He fought back.
  - b. He gave up his spirit much like Jesus did (Luke 23:46)
  - c. He forgave those who were killing him, much like Jesus did (Luke 23:34).
  
7. How do you respond when people attack you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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