



THE PUSHBACK AGAINST THE MESSENGERS

ACTS 7:51-60

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1. Know _____ (vv.51-54)

2. Realize _____ (vv.55-58)

3. In _____ (vv.59-60)

Acts 7:51 "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. **52** Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, **53** you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." **54** Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. **55** But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. **56** And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." **57** But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. **58** Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. **59** And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." **60** And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Jeremiah 6:10**. In what sort of situations do you find others (or even yourself) resistant and even scornful to the gracious warnings of Scripture, as well as to those who relay them?
2. Read **John 3:19-20**. How can your sympathy for the unpleasant initial effect of the gospel tempt you to be unfaithful in presenting it clearly and completely? What aspects of the message are most commonly distorted?
3. Read **2 Chronicles 30:8-9**. Why does a true representation of God and the gospel require an understanding of both God's judgment and compassion?
4. Read **Colossians 1:12-14**. How can the eternal and profound benefits of the gospel motivate you to fully articulate its unpleasant components?
5. Read **Luke 15:11-24**. Consider your own response to the gospel. How did the painful realization and confession of your sin serve to magnify the astonishing quality of the Father's forgiveness?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

March 21st
Josh. 4-6 & Lk. 2:1-24

March 22nd
Josh. 7-8 & Lk. 2:25-52

March 23rd
Josh. 9-10 & Lk. 3

March 24th
Josh. 11-13 & Lk. 4:1-32

March 25th
Josh. 14-15 & Lk. 4:33-44

March 26th
Josh. 16-18 & Lk. 5:1-16

March 27th
Josh. 19-20 & Lk. 5:17-39

March 28th
Josh. 21-22 & Lk. 6:1-26

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 09-05 – **The Word's Clarity about Our Sin**
Msg. 19-32 – **The Life-Changing Message of Christ's Church**
Msg. 16-13 – **Knowing Genuine Repentance**
Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**
Msg. 13-02 – **Why "As You Are" Can't Stay that Way**
Msg. 13-18 – **Jesus as Judge**
Msg. 12-14 – **Forecast for a Rebellious World**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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