



RADiation *Worksheet*

Reflection | Application | Discussion

Week of October 26

Thank God that Jesus loved His enemies and prayed for those who persecuted Him; now it's our turn.

DISCUSSION & PRAYER ([PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7](#))

What has God done that you are thankful for this week?

What challenge are you facing?

DISCOVERY TEXT

[Acts 7:51-8:1](#)

(Read this passage on your own and aloud as a group.)

REFLECTION

1. What stands out to you from this passage?
2. Read [Luke 23:34](#). What do we learn about discipleship from the persecution of Stephen?

APPLICATION

1. Read [Romans 12:14-21](#). This was written by Paul (Saul) who witnessed and approved of the stoning of Stephen. How can we apply Paul's strategies for overcoming evil today?
2. In response to Jesus teaching to turn the other cheek ([Matthew 5:39](#), [Luke 6:29](#)), some Christians justify retaliation against persecutors by saying, "We only have two cheeks." Why is it important for disciples of Jesus to close the loopholes on retaliating against our enemies, even when it's difficult?

NOTE: We're about halfway through the Small Group term. As you get ready for your service projects, talk about what unique contribution each person could make. If you have questions or need support, email aaron@newdaywi.com.