

The First Christian Martyr

Acts 7:54-8:3

Pastor Greg Wilson

Stephen's Servant Heart

- Even the Apostles couldn't do it all
- The word serve in vv1-2 is the Greek word "diakonos"

Stephen's Sermon Hurts

- Stephen preaches an Old Testament sermon from New Testament texts
- The sermon's surprise ending cut them to the quick

Stephen's Stoning Helps

- The persecution served to further the spread of the Gospel
- Out of tragedy comes triumph
- The persecutor would become Christianity's greatest missionary

What a mighty God we serve. He can take our defeat and turn it into victory. Our death can even be used to witness to the lost.