



Martyrdom in the Apostle's Church-St. Stephen the 1st. Martyr and his speech Code: 7/NT/8

1. General Aims of the unit

Study the main events of the book of Acts (the works of the Holy Spirit) and how the church spread the Apostle's era .

2. Special aims of the lesson

1. Check the information of the last week about the book of Acts and the main themes , parts and characters of it
2. Highlight the persecution of the Jews to the Christians, the reasons and history of persecution [till Ch. 8]
3. Elaborate on the personality of St. Stephen , his spiritual power , his rank in the church
4. Understand the main issues of his speech to the council
5. Highlight the effect of stoning of St Stephen on Saul (St. Paul)

3.Outcomes

By the end of this lesson the teens are able to:

1. Debate the reasons behind the persecution of Christian in the Apostle's church and its effect on the new faith.
2. List all types of punishments that the Christians suffered during the early life of the church.
3. Describe the main job of the Deacon at that time? , the prerequisites of this rank (refer to 1 Tim.3:8-10) the job of the deacons now and their different categories.
4. Analyze the speech in Ch.7 , pick up the main ideas that defend the Lord Jesus Christ, and the main outcomes of the speech.

4. Verses :

Acts 5:41 , 6:15 , 7:55-56 , 7:59-60

5. References :

1. Any commentary book about the Book of Acts
2. Any book about St. Stephen