

Acts Bible Study Chapters 6-7

Chapter 6—7 to serve and here comes Stephen. . .

- Who are the Hellenists?
 - And what do they stand for?

Verse 4- the disciples mission/ministry

- “Diakonia”
 - When was the last time that you practiced this?

Synagogue of the Freedmen

“The Synagogue of the Freedmen is mentioned only once in the Bible: “Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen” ([Acts 6:8–9](#)). The Synagogue of the Freedmen is called the Synagogue of the Libertines in the KJV. The word *libertine* is from the Latin and originally referred to a man who had been a slave but had been set at liberty. Some scholars believe that these persons were slaves of the Romans who had been freed, became proselytes of the Jewish religion, and had a synagogue in Jerusalem. The NLT calls this group the Synagogue of Freed Slaves.”¹

Verse 11- the witnesses

- Notice what charges were brought against Stephen and the remainder.
- Sound familiar?

¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/Synagogue-of-the-Freedmen.html>. accessed on May 25, 2022.

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Change the customs of Moses? What could that mean?

Verse 15- How do you understand this idea/concept?

- Is it applicable to us today?

Chapter 7- Stephen's Speech

Outline of his speech:

How do you understand what he saw in verse 56?

Note his prayer at the end of 59. . . The familiarity should not be lost on us as we reflect on this passage.