

Discussion Guide for "The Good Story"

Church in the Wild Week 2

What does it mean for us to be truth-tellers? How we tell stories matters. The lynching of Stephen in the early church reveals how we can re-narrate the stories of our culture for justice and hope. What stories are we telling today?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Acts 6:8-7:2; Acts 7:54-60 click here to read all scriptures

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a <u>step-by-step guide here</u>. The passage for this week's sacred reading is <u>Acts 7:1-60</u>.

Questions for Discussion

- 1. When you think of a 'great story', what are the necessary elements for you?
- 2. Review Stephen's story. Why do you think it enraged the crowd so much?
- 3. How do we tell stories to avoid pain, shame or guilt?
- 4. Review the meeting between Colin Kaepernick and the army veteran. Why is this information an important part of the story of Kaepernick's protest (regardless of our position)?
- 5. What does it look like to be a truth-teller in today's culture? How is this vital to our Christian witness?