

**WITNESS – Reaching out to others**  
*(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)*

**Practising praying with people.**

In 2's, each person in turn share

“What’s been the worst thing that has happened this week?”

Ask “Is it OK for me to put a hand on your shoulder?”

Then reach out a hand put it on your neighbour’s shoulder and pray for them.

# THE CO-STARS OF ACTS

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## **Stephen** **Acts 6 and 7**

**WELCOME – Breaking the ice**  
*(Aim for 10 minutes)*

Who makes you want to know God better? What is that person like?

**WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord**  
*(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)*

What has been the best thing that has happened this week?

OR

When have you felt closest to God this week?

Each person in turn, say “Thank you” to God for the best thing that has happened OR when God has felt closest this week.

**WORD – Applying the truth**  
***(Aim for 40 – 45 minutes)***

Read Acts 6 and 7

1 What character and gifts does Stephen show?

2 Why was the Temple such a point of issue between Stephen and the Sanhedrin? (Acts 6.14)

3 What did the Sanhedrin fear to lose?

4 What was the root cause of the dispute between Stephen and the Sanhedrin, and what were the emotions involved? Was the Temple redundant?

5 Why is Christianity so prone to persecution?

6 What effect did the stoning of Stephen have on the church?