

**Dig Deeper @Home – Word on the Street**  
**Complement to lesson on 07/03/2022 – “#OnYourSix”**

**ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. What’s your ideal neighborhood?
2. What would you love to have at your house?

**MEMORIZE – Acts 17: 6-7**

... “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

**READ – Acts 7**

**Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
  - a. What sticks out to you?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
  - c. Identify 10 questions from the verses you read
  - d. What is the passage revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. The phrase “on your six” can be a positive, reassuring phrase like “I got your back” but it can also be an aggressive, negative phrase like “I got you in my sights or I’ve got you now.” Looking at Stephen’s speech, which more describes his tone and intent? How does 7:60 give insight into this?
3. What was the “word on the street” for the council? (hint: verses 51-53)
  - a. In what ways might you be guilty of this same word on the street?
  - b. What needs to change in you so that your posture is “I got your back” to others where you live, work, vacation and play?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – “Having others on our six”**

The goal of this is to experience when others are on your six or trailing right behind you. Use any of the following examples (or come up with some of your own)

1. Get a group together and play Mario Kart. Play on the same team, play all solo, play on separate teams. These will give you various experiences of having friends and competitors coming up behind you as well as times when you come up behind teammates and competitors. What difference did it make who was behind you? How does this relate to Acts 7? How does this help us understand the posture we should have with others where we live, work, vacation and play?
2. Play follow the leader. You still have people tailing you but the purpose is different. How did this change the tone of having people behind you? What can we learn from this?
3. Play a game of tag. Now you have people on your six with the intent to catch you. Read Psalm 23 together after you play a couple rounds. Know that verse 6 is best understood, “Surely goodness and mercy shall be on my six all the days of my life with the intent to catch me.” What does this teach us about God’s goodness and mercy for towards us? What would it look like to join his goodness and mercy in pursuing others?

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Behold our God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrl3Lkf58>

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

Give Me One Pure and Holy Passion - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMWVPmEjUpo>

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart – (Mennonite Hymnal #217)

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## **Sending prayer based on the series:**

Holy Spirit, help me to not just be among the people where I live, work and play, but to be for them with the grace, truth, compassion and boldness of Christ.