



Discussion Questions for Acts 7 “Grace in Life & Death”
Week of November 8th - 14th, 2009

Warm Up What’s your favorite movie? Why?

Questions for Interaction

- Start out by reading **Hebrews 4:12** together. God’s Word is *alive* and ready to speak truth into your lives. Let that reality sink in. With this understanding pray for clarity and focus, and then read aloud all of **Acts chapter 7**.
 - What strikes you most in this reading or from George’s message?
 - What is the significance of Jesus standing at the right hand of God (**Acts 7:55,56**)?
 - What was Stephen’s purpose in giving the well-educated Sanhedrin a history lesson? (*the answer is in the details of what he shares! See also Acts 6:11-14*)
- Referring to the event of **Acts 7**, David Guzik writes, “*Stephen confronts their idolatry of the temple. In doing so, they tried to confine God within the temple. On a more subtle level, many Christians do the same thing. It may not be the worship of a church building, but it is the confinement of God to one place.*” Can you be guilty of confining God to one place in your own life? How so?
- Stephen dies as a martyr; however, that is not the end of the story. God used the weakest moment of Stephen’s life - death by stoning - to bring people to salvation. Read **Acts 11:19-21**. What took place on account of Stephen’s stoning? Have you encountered redemptive stories where God used seemingly tragic events to bring about incredible good in other people’s lives?
- Is it easy for you to be honest with yourself and others about your own brokenness? We often think that only our strengths will glorify God. But often times, it is our weaknesses that God uses most. Have there been times in your life when you have seen this to be true?

Wrap Up God loves to see His children walk the walk and talk the talk. Pray for one another that God would give you the grace, boldness, and love to communicate His truth to someone outside of the faith this week.