

Discussion Questions for Acts 7

1. If you do not remember why Stephen is on trial, Read Acts 6:8-15.
2. Read Acts 7:1-8.
 - a. In the context of defending the spread of the gospel message, why do you think Stephen talks about Abraham's nomadic lifestyle as the starting point of his defense?
3. Read Acts 7:9-16.
 - a. Name the ways that God took Joseph's bad situations and turned them into good.
 - b. Can you think of a time that someone intended evil, but God turned it to good?
4. Read Acts 7:17-22.
 - a. What bad situation was Moses in, and how was he rescued?
 - b. Can you think of a time when God or another person provided rescue or a way out of a difficult situation?

5. Read Acts 7:23-29.

- a. How did Moses try to rescue the Israelites, and how did they respond?
- b. Can you think of a time when God or another person offered you a rescue plan, but you refused to accept it? Why didn't you accept it?

6. Read Acts 7:30-43.

- a. How did God provide rescue to the Israelites?
- b. What was their response?
- c. Can you think of a time that you rejected a rescue plan, but either God or another person rescued you anyway? How did it make you feel?

7. Read Acts 7:44-50.

- a. How do the Israelites try to constrict God in these verses?
- b. Can you think of some ways that you try to constrict God?
- c. Which areas of your life are open to God? Which are closed?

8. Read Acts 7:51-53.

- a. How does Stephen challenge the Jewish leaders on points of theology?
- b. Can you think of a time when you have had to confront someone over a misinterpretation of scripture? What was their response?
- c. Has someone had to confront you? What was your response?

9. Read Acts 7:54-60

- a. How did the Jewish respond to Stephen's accusations against them?
- b. What was Stephen's response to their behavior?
- c. Can you think of a time that you forgave someone for something serious? What was the result?
- d. Has anyone had to forgive you of something serious? What was the result?
- e. Is there a grudge that you are holding onto? How can you turn to Jesus and allow forgiveness to enter your heart?