

Discussion Questions Acts 7:30-60

(vv. 30–36)

- What does God’s appearance to Moses in the burning bush reveal about God’s holiness and nearness at the same time?
- How do you see God using Moses’ 40 years in the wilderness to prepare him for leadership, and how might God be using “wilderness seasons” in your life right now?
- In what ways does Moses’ role as deliverer, rejected by his own people, point forward to Jesus?

(vv. 37–43)

- Stephen highlights how Israel rejected Moses and turned to idols even after clear rescue and miracles. Where are believers today tempted to do something similar—rejecting God’s way while still claiming to follow Him?
- Have you ever resisted God’s guidance or “rescue plan” because it was uncomfortable or different than you expected? What helped you finally surrender?
- What idols (comfort, success, control, relationships, etc.) can subtly pull your heart away from trusting God fully?

(vv. 44–50)

- Stephen emphasizes that God does not live in houses made by human hands. How does this correct a view of “church” as just a building?
- How might believing that God’s presence is not limited to any one place change the way you think about daily life—work, home, neighborhood?
- Are there ways you may be “boxing God in” to certain times, places, or activities instead of seeing all of life as lived before Him?

(vv. 51–53)

- Stephen’s words, “You always resist the Holy Spirit,” are strong. What might it look like for someone today to resist the Holy Spirit, even while appearing religious?
- Have you ever been lovingly confronted about sin or blind spots? How did you respond, and what can you learn from that experience about humility and repentance?

(vv. 54–60)

- What stands out to you most in Stephen’s final moments—his vision of Jesus, his calm, his prayer for his killers, something else? Why?
- How does Stephen’s prayer, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them,” echo Jesus’ own words on the cross, and what does this teach about Christian forgiveness?
- What might it look like for you to respond to hostility, criticism, or injustice with the same Spirit-filled courage and grace Stephen displays?

Personal Application

- If you had to summarize Stephen’s main message in one sentence for today’s church, what would it be?
- Which part of Acts 7:30–60 is most challenging or encouraging to you personally this week, and what is one concrete way you want to respond (a step of obedience, repentance, or faith)?