

# WELLSPRING

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## WORSHIP CENTER

### Book of Acts – Life of Stephen 07/13/2025 Questions

1. Why do you think Stephen, although appointed to handle practical needs, ended up preaching and performing signs and wonders? (Acts 6:8–10)
2. Stephen stirred up controversy and opposition. Discuss this statement: “If we are looking for a place where there is no controversy, we may be looking for a place where there is very little movement of the Holy Spirit.” How could this statement also be misapplied?
3. Why do you think Stephen gave such a long, detailed history of Israel in Acts chapter 7? What was he trying to communicate to his audience?
4. In Acts 7:54, the religious leaders were “cut to the heart” with conviction. Instead of responding with humility, they responded with hostility. When you are personally convicted or challenged do you tend to get angry and defensive or respond with humility?
5. What did you think of the quote that, “Religion glorifies the past, looks forward to the future but resists whatever God is doing in the present”?
6. When Stephen saw into heaven and saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God, why do you think Jesus is standing instead of sitting? (Acts 7:55–56)
7. How do you think Stephen’s death influenced Saul (later Paul), who witnessed it? How might God use our hard times to impact others?
8. Like Stephen, when we truly see Jesus on the throne, our earthly realities become secondary and even inconsequential. Have there been times in your life when the reality of God was so tangible in your life that other challenging issues seemed to fade away?
9. Discuss these four different points presented in the message:
  - Religion cannot save you
  - Forgiveness is very powerful
  - Jesus will always honor faithful sacrifice
  - God’s eternal reality surpasses everything
10. What can we learn from Stephen’s final words, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them”? How does this reflect Jesus’ example?
11. What lessons does Stephen’s life and death teach us about courage, conviction, and the cost of discipleship?