

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGE - Acts 7:17-43

Acts 7:37-38: 37 “This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, ‘God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.’ **38** This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us.”

Other Passages: Hebrews 11:23-26, Exodus 2

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

1. Why do you think Stephen goes back to Moses to defend himself against the blasphemous accusations he was facing?
2. What kind of faith does Stephen exemplify while standing on trial? Is there even a little waver in his faith in trying to save himself from the possible outcome?
3. What point was Stephen making by not addressing his personal actions or mentioning himself at all in his speech?

4. Stephen's story was not about himself. He realized the larger picture of what was happening and that he played a part in a bigger story. What is your story about? Are you zoomed in only on your story, or have you opened yourself to God's bigger story? What changes do you need to make to join in God's bigger story?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS