



Study Guide
Sunday 11th July 2021
Acts 7

Please read Acts 6.11-Acts 7.1; 1Peter 3.13-16

1. What are the main charges levelled against Stephen?
2. Which part of the instruction in 1 Peter do you find most difficult, and need most help and prayer with?

Please read Acts 7.8-10

3. How does Joseph's story echo Jesus' story?

Please read Acts 7.17-43

4. How does Moses' story echo Jesus' story?
5. In Matthew 15, Jesus says that the religious leaders are hypocrites who honour God with their lips, but their hearts are far from him. How does this reflect the behaviour of Stephen's accusers from the Synagogue of the Freedmen?
6. How does this challenge us as God's People today?

Please read Acts 7.44-50

7. The religious people of Israel often seemed to venerate the temple building, it's offerings, ritual and customs more than their relationship with God. Is there a danger that we, as Christians today, can fall into a similar habit? How can we ensure we practice good worship habits instead?
8. Another problem was their tendency to domesticate the God of their temple – to bring him under their control, preferences and traditions. How might we avoid such a danger in our lives and worship?

Please read Acts 7.51-60

9. How does Stephen inspire you?