

Study 8: Acts - Opposition From All Sides

Challenge Questions

Please try to answer all the questions as this will help you to participate more fully in the group discussions. Also, you might be able to help others who are finding it difficult to answer the questions. Do not be concerned about getting answers "wrong". Everyone will learn something from these sessions. You should be wise about sharing some of the answers to personal questions, although writing the answers down may help you.

Read the online notes and the Bible verses referred to in them.

1. Share the points that "speak" to you and why.
2. Are you sure that you are doing what God has called you to do?
3. Are there any changes that you know you should be making?
4. Is there any encouragement we should be giving to our leaders?
5. Do you see leading the church as the most important job in the body of Christ? (Give reasons.)

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6. How do you feel when people ask you about church or your faith?

7. Do you find it easy to speak up for Jesus?

Read Acts Chapter 7 - The history of the Children of Israel.

8. What was Stephen full of and what did this enable him to do?

9. Moses transferred his leadership of the Israelis to Joshua. The record of this is in Deuteronomy 31:6-8. What did Moses twice instruct Joshua to be in these verses and why do we need to know this today? (Explain.)

10. In his explanation of the gospel, why do you think that Stephen started with Abraham?

11. Why do you believe that the Jews were not safe in relying on Abraham as their father for their salvation?

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12. What did God tell Abram to do when he was living in Ur of the Chaldees?

13. Was Abram obedient in what he did and did God bless him?

14. Do you expect God to speak to you? If so, what about?

15. Are you prepared to obey Him whatever He asks you to do?

Read Ephesians 5:25-27

16. When Jesus returns for His church, what word does the Bible use to describe it?

17. Do you think that, if we are going to be described in this way, we are going to have to be "cleaned up" and in what way?

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18. When Joseph was in prison after Potiphar's wife's false accusation, how do you think he must have felt? (See Acts 7:9-15; Genesis 39:19-23.)

19. How do you think Moses must have felt in the desert in Midian? (See Acts 7:29; Exodus 2:15-24.) Explain what differences there may have been in their attitudes.

20. Did either Joseph or Moses know what their calling in life was?

21. Do you know what God's calling on your life is? If not, how do you think you could discover it?

22. Both Moses and Joseph had "ONE DAY" experiences. Can you describe them?

23. Do you think that could happen to you? (Explain.)

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24. After Stephen had finished speaking, he laid the blame for the death of Jesus on the rulers of Israel, the Sanhedrin. What was the result?

25. Who was the man who looked after the coats and consented to Stephen's death?

26. What eventually became of this man?

27. What changes will you make in your thinking as a result of studying this chapter?