

In Acts 7:48-50, what point is Stephen making about the temple? Why would this be offensive to his audience?

What can we learn from Stephen about speaking truth with both boldness and grace?



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Scripture References

Acts 6-8:4 • Luke 10:2 • John 15:18-19

Luke 7:30 • Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer Requests

- 1) The greatest sense of meaning and purpose in our lives comes from being aligned with something _____ than ourselves.

- 2) The terms fate and/or destiny imply that there is a _____ or plan behind ordinary events.

- 3) If there is a plan, there has to be a _____.

- 4) The early church struggled with many of the same issues we face, including racial tension and _____.

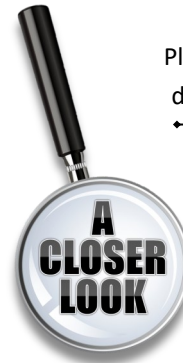
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- 5) What looked like a terrible waste of a man's life; the first murder of a Christian, ended up being the first step in the _____ spread of Christianity.
- 6) Christians are by far the most persecuted group in the world, with over _____ Christians killed for their faith every year, and over _____ currently facing high levels of persecution and discrimination.
- 7) God has a plan for this world, and each of us has a _____ in that plan.
- 8) When we align with God's plan we begin to _____ that whatever happens, it's ok; everything is going to be all right.
- 9) God's plan for each of us is to follow Jesus, to live our lives as he did, listening to what God has to say to us, obeying his commands, and _____ of God above all else.

Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.



Stephen was chosen for a practical administrative role — so why do you think God used him so powerfully in preaching and miracles?

What false charges were brought against Stephen (Acts 6:11–14)?
How does this parallel the false charges against Jesus?

Read Acts 7. Stephen's speech covers Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and Solomon. What is the central theme running through all these examples?

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