

TEACHING NOTES

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Review | Small Group Questions

Read Acts 7 together. Pray for wisdom as you discuss last Sunday's message and the following questions together.

1. Discuss what you find in this passage and Sunday's message to be encouraging and exciting to you and why.
2. In verse 2, what is meant by the phrase "*God of Glory*"? How should this attribute of God be formative in your understanding of Him? How should it be formative in our worship and obedience to Him? Read and discuss **Psalm 19:1, 29:3; Isaiah 42:8; John 1:14** and **1 Timothy 1:17**.
3. As Stephen gives his defense in chapter 7, he is keen to point out that what he believes and teaches about Jesus is entirely consistent with the Jewish faith – with what was promised and expected in the Scriptures. Jesus is none other than the promised one of God, but they have failed to see that. He proclaims that our God is the one who calls, rescues and convicts His people. Stephen begins with Abraham. Read **Genesis 12:1-3**. How did the God of Glory appear to Abraham? According to Blaine's message, what was the significance and purpose of this?
4. During his history of the Jews, how did Stephen show a pattern of opposition to God and His plan for them? See **Acts 7:2-4, 9, 23-29**. How did God bless His people outside the land of Israel? See **Acts 7:2-5, 7-10, 29-34**.

Close your time together in prayer.