

THE SPEECH

The Life of Stephen

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THE SANHEDRIN IN US

Worships Our Own Idols

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God Moments are when we celebrate God doing big things in our lives...and we want to pray for God to do big things in our lives as well! When God answers these prayers, they become God moments! Go around your group and share your prayer needs or God Moments. [Leaders: pray for these as best fits your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The *Reminder* (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Weeks Point:
The Sanhedrin in Us Worships Our Own Idols
- This Week's Object Lesson:
Solar Eclipse
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Acts 7:37-43**
That was the time they made an idol in the form of a calf. They brought sacrifices to it and reveled in what their own hands had made. (41, NIV)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- According to the Point, what is an idol, and how is it like a solar eclipse? [an idol is anything that gets in the way of God]
- As a refresher, read **Exodus 32:1-8**. What [or *who*] did the golden calf *represent* (specifically, v. **4b** and **5b**)? If you've read (or watched) this story before, how is this different from what you thought?
- How does this understanding make idolatry more real for us today?
- In the Point, we looked at three idols that get in the way and take the place of God in our lives: [Leaders: only read verses as necessary]
 - *Deceived by the Idol of Good Things* (**Rom 1:21-25; Lk 14:26-27**)
 - How can a good thing become an idol? Give examples.
 - What good things have become an idol in your life?
 - *Distracted by the Idol of Good Causes* (**2 Tim 2:22-24; Heb 10:22-25**)
 - What does "distraction" mean? How can a good cause, distract?
 - What good causes keep people from meeting with other Christ-followers (*WX, Pr'me*, etc.)? What good causes are idols for you?
 - *Duped by the Idol of Wrong Alliances* (**John 18:36; James 4:4-10**)
 - To clarify, read the above verses—in what ways do we make wrong alliances? What alliances have become idols for you?
- Now, as you consider the various idols that you shared above, which ones are you most likely to justify, rationalize, or explain away? Why?
- What changes do you need to make so that your heart is not eclipsed?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

- Read the following passages and list the good things that Christ-followers are to give up, so that they don't get in the way of Jesus:
Matthew 8:21-22; Matthew 19:16-22; Mark 10:42-44;
Luke 9:61-62; Luke 12:32-34; John 18:10-11; Romans 12:1