

THE SPEECH

The Life of Stephen

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"Reach"

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THE SANHEDRIN IN US *Places Faith in "Mountaintop Moments"*

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 Places Faith in "Mountaintop Moments"
- This Week's Object Lesson:
Recreating Old Photos
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: Acts 7:44-50
However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. (48a, NIV)

The Reflection (required)

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

- What past experiences in your life make you nostalgic today?
- What do we mean by “mountaintop moments”? Are they sin/wrong?
- For review, why did Stephen say what he did in **Acts 7:48-50**?
- In the Point, we looked at four interconnected ways we place our faith in “mountaintop moments” instead of God who caused them:
 - *Place Faith in Once-Used Objects* (see **Josh. 6:6-7; 1Sam. 4:1-11**)
 - How was the ark a *God-luck* charm for Israel? *Why* was it?
 - What “objects” do Christ-followers place their faith in today?
 - *Place Faith in Emotional Experiences* (see **Matt. 17:1-4; Lk. 9:33**)
 - Are we more likely to recreate past negative-feeling experiences OR past positive-feeling? *Why*? Which tends to lead to growth?
 - How can this be like “getting high”? Is the “high” ever enough?
 - *Place Faith in Former Formulas* (see **Ex. 17:5-6; Num. 20:7-12**)
 - In what ways do we recreate “formulas” for how God worked?
 - *Place Faith in Recent Reputation* (see **Revelation 3:1-3**)
 - What is the problem with living on a past spiritual reputation?
- These all overlap—how can they become superstition & idolatry?
- In which above “mountaintop moments” do you tend to place your faith? Be specific —describe how that looks in your life.
- Are these leading you to focus on more of Christ, or more of yourself?
- As a group, list many practical ways that you can overcome these.

The Reinforcement (optional)

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

- Read **Exodus 40:33-35, 1 Kings 8:6-13, Ezekiel 10:18-19, John 1:14, John 2:19-21, Mark 15:37-38, & 1 Cor. 6:19-20.**
- How do each of these passages describe “God’s House”?
- Reading in order, what is the *progression* of where God “dwells”?