

# THE SPEECH

*The Life of Stephen*

#mc3theSpeech

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**Pr'me**  
Groups

Discussion  
Gu'de

*"Attack"*

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## THE SANHEDRIN IN US

### *Doesn't Want to Change*

#### 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 Doesn't Want to Change*
- This Week's Object Lesson:  
**Science Experiments with the Same Ingredients**
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: Acts 7:51-60  
*Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him (52, NIV)*

## The Reflection (required)

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

- Share a time when you learned or improved a skill or recipe because you made the necessary changes. What changes did you make?
- Stephen is killed for equating his whole speech with the Sanhedrin in **Acts 7:51-53**. Briefly recount all 7 weekly Points from *The Speech*.
- Just like the Sanhedrin, we would rather remove the “problem” than make changes. Have you ever blamed God for a “bad” outcome even though you knew that you were the one who should change?
- Read & discuss these four ways we resist change from the Point:
  - *Will Only Change If It's Painless* (see **John 15:1-5**)
    - Why do we seek to avoid pain as humans? Would you *take* short-term pain, if you knew that it would produce long-term benefits?
    - When it comes to following Jesus, what “pain” are you avoiding?
  - *Will Only Change If It's Easy* (see **Mark 10:17-22**)
    - How can knowing that change is hard, help us make changes?
    - How far are you willing to go to obey God...really? Why/not?
  - *Will Only Change If It's Convenient* (see **Luke 9:57-62**)
    - Think about something in life that is “convenient”—is it actually?
    - Instant & convenient→ how do these keep you from changing?
  - *Will Change Unless We Can Justify It* (see **Luke 10:25-29**)
    - What has God called you to change, that you keep justifying?
- As we conclude this series, it's easy to call out the Sanhedrin, yet we do the same things. What will you change as a result of *The Speech*?

## The Reinforcement (optional)

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

- Read **Acts 1:8-9** & **Acts 8:1-5**. How did God use persecution to spread the message of Jesus? Do you fear persecution? Why/not?
- For more on Saul/Paul, read **Acts 7:58-8:3** & **Acts 9:1-31**. Is there anyone that God can't change? How have you “limited” God?