

# THE BOOK OF *Acts*

|| Group Discussion Guide ||

Acts 7:44-53

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## STEPHEN'S SPEECH, PART 5: DAVID

1

Stephen has been charged with blaspheming the temple. How does his history lesson on the tabernacle and the temple answer that accusation?

2

How can we be sure to appropriately understand places and buildings, even ones that were designed to glorify God?

3

According to Exodus 25:8, what was the purpose of the tabernacle or “sanctuary”?

4

How do verses about God dwelling with his people (Ezekiel 37:27, John 1:14, Romans 8:9) help us to understand how we should understand the temple and where God dwells?

5

How does the involvement of Moses, Joshua, David, and Solomon in the plan, construction, or preservation of the tabernacle and temple point to its importance?

6

If God “does not dwell in houses made by hands” (v. 48), why would he have instructed his people to build such a dwelling place?

7

What does the quotation from Psalm 11 point to about God’s relationship with places?

8

How does the fact that God is not limited to a particular place impact our understanding of how he relates to his creation and how he has commissioned his church?

