**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 7**

**Acts 7:1-60**

1. What did you learn about the early church from last week’s lesson and lecture?

2. Stephen began his defense with a brief history of Abraham. What did God:

 a. command Abraham?

 b. promise Abraham?

 c. give Abraham?

3. Name the “fathers” Stephen mentioned from Abraham to Joseph.

4. Briefly explain why each of the following went to Egypt:

 a. Joseph

 b. Joseph’s brothers

 c. Joseph’s father (Jacob) and all the relatives

5. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, what does “going to Egypt” usually represent?

6. Stephen continued his defense by telling of Moses. From verses 20-22, describe the early years of Moses.

7. a. When Moses was 40 what was his . . .

 . . . action (vs. 24)

 . . . expectation (vs. 25)

 b. What indicated their ingratitude?

 c. How did Moses react?

 d. Please share a time when you felt like “fleeing” because your actions were not appreciated and how you overcame your hurt feelings.

8. a. After \_\_\_\_\_ years, what did Moses see in the desert near Mt. Sinai?

 b. How do you think acknowledgment of who God is and reverence for Him are prerequisite to service?

9. a. What phrases in verse 34 tell of God’s concern for His people?

 b. How does knowing God has a personal concern for His people comfort you?

10. a. According to Stephen, Moses did what in verse 36?

 . . . said what in verse 37?

 . . . received what in verse 38?

 b. Who was the prophet to whom Moses referred in verse 37? Review Acts 3:17-23.

11. a. When the “fathers” refused to obey, what was God’s reaction?

 b. How do you think that practice is still seen in the world today?

12. a. From verse 44, what had God directed Moses to make?

 b. David desired to build a house for God, but who finally built it?

 c. Where does God dwell today according to 1 Corinthians 3:16?

 d. What do you learn in 1 Peter 2:5 about your part in God’s spiritual temple?

13. a. In Acts 7:51-54, Stephen accused the Jews of

 . . . resisting

 . . . persecuting/killing

 . . . disobeying

 b. How did they react?

14. Fill in: “But Stephen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ looked up to

heaven and saw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. a. Stephen related how Joseph, Moses, the Prophets, and Jesus had each been sent to deliver Israel but had been rejected. What phrases show the unwillingness of the people to listen?

 b. How do some people today display their unwillingness to hear about Jesus?

16. Saul witnessed the stoning of Stephen. Do you think “witnessing” is as bad as participating? Why or why not?

17. a. What can we learn from Stephen and his attitude toward his persecutors?

 b. Write these Scriptures that remind us of what to do when facing enemies:

 Proverbs 25:21

 Matthew 5:44

 Luke 6:27

 1 Thessalonians 5:15