



# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, March 21, 2021 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

## **“Stephen’s Speech: The Lesson of Moses”**

Acts 7:17-34

1. Lessons of Kingdom Building Failure from Moses  
(Acts 7:17-29)

2. Lessons of Worship from Moses (Acts 7:30-34)

## Table Talk

- 1) What historical problem does Stephen relate in verses 17-19? Read Exodus 1:7-10. How does Stephen use the Old Testament to confirm the truth of injustice?
- 2) How does Stephen describe Moses? (v. 20) What advantages does Moses receive? (vv. 21-22) What natural and educational advantages? How can natural and educational advantages be a blessing? How can they be hazardous?
- 3) What did adult Moses see as an injustice? How did he attempt to solve the problem? (vv. 23-25) What is right about that, and what is wrong about it? How did taking matters into his own hands work for Moses? (vv. 26-28) How does Stephen use Exodus 2:14 to confirm that personal kingdom building is a bad idea? Why should we be cautious about jumping in to save others from injustice? How can we avoid kingdom building in fighting injustice while at the same time not being passive to injustice?
- 4) Where did Moses flee? How did Moses' life change there? (v. 29) Meditate for a bit on the opening words of verse 30, "when forty years had passed." How might Moses be feeling?
- 5) What did Moses see? (vv. 30-31) What did Moses hear? (vv. 31-34) How has Moses changed? How has the injustice not changed? What is going to change now?
- 6) How does Stephen use Exodus 3:2-3 in verse 30? How does he use Exodus 3:6 in verse 32? How does he use Exodus 3:5-10 in verses 33-34? Why is Stephen so rooted in scripture? How is the LORD calling forth Moses to be a worshiper (vv. 32-33)? Why must worship precede mission, if mission is to be from God and an act of worship (vv. 33-34)?