

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Acts 8:4**ACTS 8-1**

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

**"PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS"
READ Acts 8:1-40****DAY 1 READ Acts 8:1-40**

1. What application did you find from the story of Stephen in last week's lesson?
2. In today's reading, who or what was . . .
 - a. persecuted?
 - b. phony?
 - c. prepared to preach?
 - d. perplexed?

DAY 2 REVIEW Acts 8:1-3

- 3.a. Stephen's death became a turning point for the infant church. What resulted?
 - b. Share a turning point in your life. Did suffering play any part in it?
4. How you think the godly men who buried Stephen felt knowing martyrdom for their faith was a real possibility?
- 5.a. How did Saul's persecution of the church fulfill Jesus' words in John 16:2?
 - b. (IN-DEPTH) What are some characteristics or traits you think describe Saul at this time?
 - c. How did he describe himself at this time of his life in these Scriptures?
Galatians 1:13-14

Philippians 3:4-6

1 Timothy 1:13

DAY 3 REVIEW Acts 8:4-8

- 6.a. According to John 4:9, why would it be unusual for Philip to be preaching in Samaria?
 - b. From Acts 1:8, what instruction given by Jesus was Philip obeying?

DAY 3 (Continued) REVIEW Acts 8:4-8

6.c. How did Jesus view/encounter Samaritans in these Scriptures:
Luke 10:29-37

Luke 17:11-19

- 7.a. In John 4:39-42, how had Jesus been received by the Samaritans?
- b. How was Philip received in Acts 8:6?
- c. Eagerness for truth is a response to hearing God's Word. Share a special time when you were eager for God's truth.
- 8. What else did Philip do among the Samaritans?
- 9. Great joy! Write and personalize Jeremiah 15:16.

DAY 4 REVIEW Acts 8:9-25

10.a. Why did Simon have a following among the Samaritans?

b. What similar practices attract a large following today?

11. What was the result of Philip's ministry in verses 12-13?

12.a. When Peter and John came to Samaria they prayed an intercessory prayer for the Samaritans. From your Bible knowledge, give one other Bible example of intercessory prayer.

b. In your opinion, are there any limitations for intercessory prayer?

13.a. How did the apostles minister to the new believers?

b. According to these Scriptures, what does the Holy Spirit do?
John 14:16-17

Romans 8:16

2 Corinthians 3:6

ACTS 8-3

DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW Acts 8:9-25

- 14.a. In verse 9, Simon boasted he was someone great. What did he want in verses 18-19?
- b. What was Peter's rebuke?
- c. Why do you think Simon responded as he did in verse 24?

DAY 5 REVIEW Acts 8:26-40

- 15. An _____ told Philip to take the desert road to Gaza. Whom did Philip meet on the road and what was his job description?
- 16.a. What would indicate that the Ethiopian had a heart seeking after God?
- b. What does God promise in Jeremiah 29:13?
... Luke 11:10?
- c. How would Philip identify Jesus from the Isaiah 53 passage as the Suffering Servant?
- d. What do you think Philip may have said that caused the Ethiopian to ask to be baptized? List three or four possible statements.
- 17. Philip left the eunuch rejoicing! Why do all believers have spiritual joy according to Romans 5:9-11?
- 18. What important principles do you learn from Philip's life both in Samaria and on the road to Gaza?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

ACTS 8-4

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LECTURE NOTES:

HISTORY NOTES:

John Hus 1374-1415

Thomas à Kempis 1380-1471