

## Acts 8 - “Scattered”

### Outline:

1. Disassembling (Acts 8:1-4) - JERUSALEM
2. Delivering (Acts 8:5-25) - SAMARIA
3. Deploying (Acts 8:26-40) - GAZA

After the death of Stephen, the believers at Jerusalem are greatly persecuted by Saul. Many of the believers left Jerusalem and the gospel began to reach Judea, Samaria, and ultimately to the ends of the earth.

### **1. Disassembling (v.1-4)**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Acts 8:1
  - ii. Saul - the great persecutor of the church - 1 Tim. 1:13
  - iii. **KEY POINT:** Religion without the \_\_\_\_\_ is the cruelest force in the world
    1. **John 8:44**
  - iv. We will either be an ACTS \_\_\_\_\_ church, or we will experience ACTS \_\_\_\_\_!
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Acts 8:2
  - ii. **KEY POINT:** Christians mourn their dead, but they mourn in \_\_\_\_\_!
  - iii. 1 Thess. 4:13, 1 Thess. 4:18
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. **Acts 8:3**
  - ii. Acts 26:9-11
  - iii. **KEY POINT:** Paul was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ for his beliefs - Stephen was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ for his
    1. 2 Tim. 3:12
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. **Acts 8:4**
  - ii. **KEY POINT:** In the midst of PERSECUTION, \_\_\_\_\_ the WORD!
  - iii. The result of this persecution was an INCREASE in the gospel!
    1. **Jer. 20:9**

### **2. DELIVERING (v.5-25)**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Acts 8:5
  - ii. The Jews despised the Samaritans. Their hatred was bitter and deep.

1. John 4:9
  - iii. Samaria was the center of idolatry in the northern tribes of Israel
    1. 1 Kings 13:32, 16:32 (Baal worship)
  - iv. God LOVES the Samaritans and wants them SAVED! 2 Pet. 3:9
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ ATTENTION
- i. Acts 8:6
  - ii. "One accord"
    1. Acts 1:14, Acts 2:1, Acts 2:46, Acts 4:24, Acts 5:12, \*Acts 7:57
  - iii. **KEY QUESTION:** What would happen in our church if we "gave heed" with "one accord" to the Word of God?
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Acts 8:7
  - ii. Philip's miracles were an **extension** of the **Apostle's ministry**. They had laid their hands on him (Acts 6:6-7). He is now operating under Apostolic Authority, and is also reporting back to Jerusalem what is happening in Samaria (v. 14)
  - iii. **KEY POINT:** The Bible doesn't call us to \_\_\_\_\_, but God still performs them.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Acts 8:8
  - ii. **KEY POINT:** Joy is the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to God's moving in one's life!
  - iii. Habakkuk 3:18, Luke 24:51-53, 1 Thessalonians 1:6, Neh. 8:10
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Acts 8:9-13
  - ii. "Simon the sorcerer"
    1. ...used sorcery
      - a. Ex 7:11-12 (1st mention)
    2. ...bewitched the people
      - a. "Bewitching" moves people AWAY from God's truth.
      - b. Galatians 3:1
    3. ...This man is the great power of God" - Really????
      - a. 1 Cor. 1:24, Rom. 1:16, 1 Cor. 1:18
    4. ...wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
      - a. Simon's focus was on MIRACLES and SIGNS
      - b. Philip's focus was on the Kingdom of God and JESUS!
  - iii. Was Simon really saved?
    1. Acts 8:20-24 - Peter's rebuke
    2. Acts 13:10 - Paul's rebuke to a different sorcerer