



## Acts

### Lesson 7, Chapter 8

*The stoning of Stephen had a dramatic impact on the new Church in Jerusalem. Believing in Jesus Christ as Messiah had become a dangerous existence. Saul, who had approved of the martyrdom of Stephen, was now going from house to house to arrest all who confessed Christ. Persecutors of those who*

*claimed to be part of "The Way" would stop at nothing to put an end to the heretics. Because of the danger, many believers left Jerusalem for safer havens. But, "those who were scattered preached the word wherever they went." Acts 8:4 The gospel was on the move which was God's plan all along.*

#### READ CHAPTER 8

1. *What three things are given in vs. 1 & 4 as effects of the stoning of Stephen?*
  
2. *Who was Philip? Acts 6:5*
  
3. *Who were the Samaritans? 2 Kings 17:24-29 Why is it surprising that Philip would preach to them? John 4:9*
  
4. *What attracted the people of Samaria to Philip? Verses 6-8*

5. *What was so astonishing about the conversion of Simon? Verses 9-13*

6. *What did Simon request of Peter, and what did Peter say this revealed about Simon? Vs. 18-24*



*Several passages in the New Testament reveal Jesus' priority of receiving the gospel. Read Mathew 10:6 and 15:24 for how He saw the issue.*

7. *Since most believed that salvation was for the Jews only, why would it be important for Peter and John to come to the Samaritans and validate their experience of receiving the Holy Spirit? Vs. 14-17*

8. *What was different about Peter and John's journey to Samaria and the trip back to Jerusalem? Verse 25*

9. *According to verses 26, 29 and 39, who is leading Philip in his evangelistic endeavors?*

10. *In what way would the Ethiopian's conversion and Peter and John's ministry in Samaria help to fulfill the command of Acts 1:8?*

***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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