

Acts – 8/23/26

Read

Read Acts 8:4-8 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

Examine

- What is the significance of the “scattered” believers continuing to preach the word? Why were they scattered?
- Jews generally avoided Samaritans at all cost. What is the significance of Philip bringing the gospel to the Samaritans?
- One scholar said the early church “went everywhere gossiping the gospel.” What do you think he meant by this phrase? Why is it significant that the disciples preached the gospel in informal, everyday settings, not just professional ministry settings?
- What role did exorcisms and healings play in Philip’s ministry in Samaria? How did they support his preaching of the word?
- Why did Luke emphasize the “joy” in Samaria following the advancement of the gospel there?

Apply

- These early disciples were committed to preaching the word wherever they were. What would it look like for you to view everyday circumstances as opportunities to preach the word? How can you grow in the discipline of acting on these opportunities to speak to people about Jesus?
- What hinders you from preaching the gospel in everyday life? How can you proactively address these barriers?
- Put yourself in the shoes of a non-believer. Where, when, and how might it be natural to hear the gospel from a Christian? Where, when, and how would it seem unnatural, forced, or insincere?
- Philip, a Jew, brought the gospel to a people group that the Jews notoriously avoided. What groups do Christians today avoid? How can we faithfully bring the gospel to them? How can Christians intentional cross barriers for the sake of the gospel?

Pray

Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.