

**CP - 9/4/22**  
**Acts 8:1–8**  
**Out to Judea and Samaria**

**Sermon Outline**

Acts Overview:

Acts 1	Jesus goes UP
Acts 2	Spirit comes DOWN
Acts 2–18	Church goes OUT as Christ's witnesses
2–7	Out to Jerusalem
8–12	Out to Judea and Samaria
13–28	Out to the ends of the earth

**1. The Persecution in Jerusalem (8:1–4)**

- \*Persecution scattered the church.
- \*Persecution strengthened the church.
- \*Does persecution/difficulty push us down or propel us out?

**2. Philip's Ministry in Samaria (Acts 8:4–6)**

- \*Philip crossed cultural bridges.
- \*Philip carried the truth.
  - \*He proclaimed the word.
  - \*He proclaimed the Christ.
- \*Who do we proclaim? (2 Cor. 4:5)

**3. God's Power at Work (Acts 8:6–8)**

- \*By God's power, the crowds paid attention.
- \*God's work overpowered Satan.
- \*God's work produced great joy.

**Small Group Questions**

1. What from the Bible passage and sermon spoke to you?
2. What was God's plan in using the persecution for his purposes? How did persecution strengthen the church?

3. What was the significance of Philip going to Samaria (first, think Acts 1:8; second, think culturally)? What cultural bridges did Philip cross? How do we see the church crossing cultural bridges in the book of Acts?
4. What/Who did Philip proclaim to the Samaritans? Why must we remind ourselves that our message is a living Person, the Lord Jesus?
5. How did God work through Philip? What does it mean that the “crowds paid attention?” What is the great difference of the world paying attention and the church trying to get attention?
6. As a group, pray for those in your life that need to hear about the living Lord Jesus.