

FOR SMALL GROUPS OR PERSONAL STUDY

Welcome! Today, we are continuing in our message series: *Exploring the Book of Acts*. In this study of early Church history, you will be enlightened and encouraged by the power of the gospel as it spread throughout the world and transformed lives.

READ: Acts 8:1-25

This section of Acts is as easy as ABC...

1. The _____ of the gospel:

What was happening in the church? What did you learn about the word “diaspora?”

Explain the phrase “preached the word” What does that phrase tell us?

What did you learn about the sovereignty of God? How is this helpful to you?

2. The _____ of the gospel:

Where did Philip go and why was it such a BIG deal?

When you think of nasty rivalries, what comes to mind?

What does the gospel bring? How did the people respond to the gospel?

Share one or two thoughts about work of the Holy Spirit.

3. The _____ of the gospel:

THEOLOGICAL MOMENT:

- The _____ was _____ through _____
- The _____ was _____ through _____

THEOLOGICAL MOMENT:

The Spirit being _____ was different from the Spirit being _____.

What was this all about? _____

What did you learn about Simon? What does Church history tell us?

How did Peter and John respond to him?

What did you learn about grace without truth?

Four Application Points:

- 1.) Persecution cannot stop the gospel: _____
- 2.) The gospel overcomes animosity and opposition: _____
- 3.) Rejection today doesn't mean rejection tomorrow: _____
- 4.) The gospel brings transformation, but not instant sanctification: _____