

Book of Acts

Session 9: Acts 8

**Winds of opposition spread gospel seeds**

1. Read Acts 8:2-25. The devil wanted to use persecution to crush the church. How did God turn evil into good?
2. How might that outcome, help/inspire us to witness more faithfully?
3. What blessings did the Lord give through the miraculous signs performed by Philip?
4. Read verses 14-16 again. Consider Acts 8:12, Acts 2:38, and 1 Corinthians 12:3. What is happening and why?
5. Simon fell into a great sin. Why was his desire to buy God's power wrong?
6. What is Simon's response to Peter's harsh proclamation of the Law?

**The promised Messiah has come**

7. Read Acts 8:26-40. The Ethiopian eunuch was reading from Isaiah chapter 53. Read Isaiah 53:2-12. Pick out phrases that point to the coming Messiah, and explain how Jesus fulfilled them.
8. Though we don't hear it specifically mentioned, what teaching must Philip have included in his witness to the Ethiopian?
9. Philip began his evangelism encounter with the Ethiopian by asking a question (verse 30). What role did Philip's question play in the rest of his witnessing opportunity? Give examples of how we might use questions in witnessing encounters. What advantages are there to beginning a conversation about the Lord in that way?