

Bible Study Guide for Acts 8:4-40
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1. What happened as a result of Stephen's stoning (8:1)?
2. How did the ones that were dispersed respond (8:4)? What is impressive about this? Why do we generally *not* respond like they did?
3. Who is Philip? What is impressive about him?
4. What is significant about *where* Philip preached (8:5; 1:8)?
5. Did the crowd respond to the message alone? What's more important--the message, or the actions accompanying the message? What do you learn about evangelism *today* from Philip's example?
6. Describe Simon (8:9-13). What kind of man was he? Was he sincere in his conversion? Why or why not?
7. Why did the apostles send Peter and John to Samaria (8:14)? What did they do there? Why? Why hadn't the Holy Spirit come upon them? How does this fit with Acts 2:38? What does this teach us about overcoming prejudice?
8. How did Simon respond to the apostles (8:18-19)? Why do you think he offered to buy this power? How does his response regarding money and possession portray the intentions of his heart?
9. How did Peter respond (8:20-23)?
10. Did Simon repent (8:24)?
11. How did Philip encounter the Ethiopian eunuch (8:26; followed the Spirit)? What is significant about this man (8:27; also see Deuteronomy 23:1 and Isaiah 53:6-8; fulfillment of scripture)?
12. What do you learn from the interaction between Philip and the eunuch about evangelism (8:30-35)? What was the result?
13. What function does this story serve in the overall theology of Acts (1:6; 1:8; cf. Isaiah 56:3-8; the regathering of Israel)?
14. What did you learn about evangelism from this study?
15. What will you do or think differently about because of what you learned?