

Digging Deeper: May 29th, 2022

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Acts 8:1-8

Day 1: Read Acts 6:1–8. Consider the overall purpose and content of this section. What purpose does this text from the Word of God serve? Spend some time praying over the meaning and the application of the text.

Day 2: Today we will dig into the historical and cultural background of the passages. When was the timing of this passage? Who are people involved? Discuss the history of Saul and his persecution of the Church. Was he present at the death of Steven? What were the motives of Saul?

Day 3: Today let's look at persecution. Why is the Church persecuted? Can you point to prophetic words that Christ prepared the Apostles with concerning persecution? What was the nature and results of the persecution discussed in this chapter?

Day 4: Today we turn our attention to Phillip. What do we know about Phillip? What do we know about Samaria? What do you think the Gospel that Phillip preached was?

Day 5: Read Acts 8:5-8. What were the results of Phillip's preaching? Consider Acts 1:8. Where did the power come from and why do you think God will cause these results?

Day 6: Read Acts 8:8.; Why was there much joy in the city? Consider and contrast the persecution and the joy spoken of in these passages. Consider Matthew 11:12. How does this verse apply to the verses we are studying?