

THE SCATTERED CHURCH—TO SAMARIA
(The ministry of Philip the evangelist)

Acts 8:1-40

Key Verse:35

1. Read verses 1-3. What happened after Stephen's death? Who was Saul and what did he do? How did Stephen's death affect him?
2. Read verses 4-8. How did persecution spread the gospel? Who was Philip and what did he do? What was the result? Read verses 9-13. Who was Simon? Who followed him? How did Philip's ministry affect Simon's following?
3. Why did Simon follow Philip? (13) Read verses 14-19. Why did the apostles in Jerusalem send Peter and John to Samaria? What did Peter and John do to strengthen and encourage the work of God?
4. Read verses 18-29. What did Simon request? What does this show about his view of God and God's work? How did Peter respond? What did Peter see as Simon's problem? What did he tell him to do? What did Simon do? How did the apostles continue their ministry in Samaria? What can we learn here?
5. Read verses 26-29. How did God lead Philip? Describe the man he met. Read verses 30-35. What was the man reading? Why might this passage from Isaiah appeal to the eunuch? What was his question?
6. Read verses 34-40. Describe Philip's one-to-one Bible study. What was the point of his study? How did the eunuch respond? Why did he want to be baptized? What happened to the two of them after this?
7. What can we learn from Philip's ministry in Samaria about the importance of Bible study? The importance of one person?