

Evangelism Message 8

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Outline

But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. Acts 8:4 (NLT)

Evangelism is... (Acts 8:1-40. C/R: Romans 1:16-17; 10:12-17)

1. Extended by _____. (Acts 8:1-4. C/R: Mark 13:9-11; 2 Corinthians 4:8-13; 1 Peter 3:14-16) 2. Endorsed by _____. (Acts 8:5-13. C/R: Matthew 7:21-23; Romans 15:18-19; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 12:12; Hebrews 2:4)

3. Enlivened by the _____.
(Acts 8:14-25. C/R: John 3:5-7; Romans 8:9-11;
2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Titus 3:5)

4. Encouraged by the _____. (Acts 8:26-40. C/R: Acts 16:6-7; 20:22-24; Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:25)

Answers: good news 1. difficulties 2. miracles 3. Spirit 4. Spirit

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

Conversation Starter

When did you first hear about Jesus?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion Read <u>Acts 8:4-25</u>.

- 1. The believers *preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went* (<u>vs. 4</u>). If you were sharing the Good News of Jesus, what would you be sure to include?
- 2. Do you see yourself as an evangelist? Explain.
- 3. Why is it significant that Philip went to Samaria (vs. 5)? What difficulties did he face?
- 4. What was wrong with Simon offering money to the apostles (vs. 18-24)?
- 5. Why do you think Luke recorded the episode with Simon? What does it add to the story of Acts?

Read <u>Acts 8:26-40</u>.

6. Philip was asked to leave the excitement of Samaria to walk down a *desert road* (vs. 26). What do you think that was like for him? Why do you think Luke recorded this detail?

- 7. Philip was led by an angel (vs. 26) and the Holy Spirit (vs. 29). How did Philip know he was hearing from God? Have you ever been led by God in this way?
- 8. How did Philip help the Ethiopian official realize that Jesus was the Messiah (<u>vs. 30-35</u>)?
- 9. Share a time you were put on the spot because of your faith. What lessons did you take away from that experience?
- 10.What have you learned from this passage that can help you become a more effective witness for Jesus?

Spiritual Practice

[Spiritual Practices are steps we take to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. These aren't meant to be one-time actions, but practices that become a natural part of our lives.]

Who shared the gospel with you when you believed and were born again? Is God directing you to tell your faith story to someone? Write out your faith story and share it.

Memory Verse

So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. <u>Romans 10:17 (NLT)</u>

Daily Reading

Day 1: <u>Hebrews 2:1-4</u> Day 2: <u>2 Corinthians 4:8-13</u> Day 3: <u>Psalm 105:1-7</u> Day 4: <u>Romans 10:12-17</u> Day 5: <u>Mark 13:9-11</u>

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, November 15, we'll continue the series titled *Church Empowered*. To prepare, read <u>Acts 9:1-31</u>.



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