

GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Acts 8:4–25

Key Verse: 8:12

1. Who is scattered, and why (4; see verse 1)? What do these scattered people do, what does “the word” mean, and why do they do this (4)?
2. Who is Philip (6:3–5)? Where does he go and what does he do (8:5)? How do people respond, and why (6)? What signs does Philip perform, and what does it tell us (7–8)?
3. Who is Simon and how has he been influencing the people of Samaria (9–11)? What does this tell us about the obstacles to and spread of the gospel?
4. Read verse 12. What does Philip preach, what does it mean, and why is this still good news today (2:38; 10:43; 13:38; 26:18)? What does it mean that these new believers were baptized? What happens to Simon (13)?
5. Why do Peter and John come, what do they do, and what results (14–17)? How does Simon respond (18–19)? What does Peter tell him (20–23), and why? What does Simon ask (24)? What do Peter and John do (25), and what is the significance of this?