



Discussion Notes

Philip in Samaria • Acts 8:5–25

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Main Theme:

Philip travels to Samaria, where the gospel also takes root, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. This passage is about the *change* which comes when the gospel is accepted by a certain place and people. It's also about *adapting* to that change, learning to live in the new reality of God's kingdom with God's very presence directing and filling all who set foot in it.

Sermon Outline:

- The Gospel Goes
- Philip in Samaria
- Welcome, Holy Spirit

Engage:

- Read the text. At your initial reading, what stands out to you? Think about key themes, words, phrases, or people.
- What questions do you have about the text?
- What are the main things Luke (the author) is trying to get across?

Observe:

- What do we learn about the expansion of the gospel in relationship to persecution in the text?
- What do we learn about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit?

Apply:

- What is your key take-away from this passage?
- How do we think about challenges in connection to God's kingdom as informed by this passage?

- What have we learned about the Holy Spirit and the landscape of God's kingdom in this passage?
- Have you experienced the normal and necessary fullness of the Holy Spirit? What are you learning about the kingdom and the Spirit?
- What next steps might we take?
- Pray for each other.