



**Study Guide**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**Acts 8**

**Please read Acts 8.1-3**

1. What's God doing here?
  - Why didn't he protect Stephen from being killed?
  - Why does he allow his people to be persecuted and scattered?
  - Doesn't he care about protecting his people from harm?
  - Isn't he in control of the situation?
2. How do we respond when we ask similar questions in our own situation?

**Please read Acts 8.4-8**

3. A huge number of Christians are scattered from Jerusalem because of persecution against them. They preach the word wherever they go - rather than keep silent in an attempt to avoid any further persecution. Why do they do this? What do you think has created this culture of boldness in preaching the word?
4. Philip goes to Samaria. Why is this both bold and significant?
5. How is God speaking to you about becoming bolder in faith in your life?

**Please read Acts 8.26-40**

6. What variety of ways does God speak to, and lead and direct, Philip in this one passage alone? Do you recognize the variety of ways in which God speaks to you?

**Please read Romans 10.13-15; and again Acts 8.30-35**

7. How can you apply these principles modelled by Philip - listening to God; being ready to respond; knowing the Word; asking good questions; giving a reason for the hope we have in Jesus - to your own everyday life?
8. Baptism is again recorded as the first response of the new believers. Why was, and is, it so significant as a response of faith?