

Sermon Discussion Guide

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The Gospel Goes to Samaria
December 7th - Acts 8:5-25

To Start:

- **Ice Breaker:** What is a time you saw two people or groups overcome deep division—and how did that make you feel about the power of reconciliation?

UP

"Life on Life"

- Acts 8 shows the Word and the Spirit working together powerfully. How have you recently experienced God's Word shaping you?
 - Why is it significant that God sent Philip into Samaria—an unexpected and divided place—and what does that reveal about God's heart?
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"Life in Community"

- The early believers preached the gospel even as they scattered under persecution. What can this teach us about boldness within the church community?
 - What does this account teach us about the importance of discernment when engaging with people who claim spiritual authority?
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OUT

"Life on Mission"

- What warning does Simon's story give us about false conversions or misplaced motives in ministry?
- How can we more intentionally bring the gospel to the overlooked or spiritually deceived—just as Philip brought it to Samaria?