

***The Amazing Acts of the Holy Spirit***  
**Small Group Study**  
**November 7, 2021: Acts 8:1-25**  
***The Persecuted Church Multiplies***

Who was your hero when you were 10? What ability did they have that you wanted for yourself?

Read Acts 8:1-8. When Stephen was martyred, who gave approval to his death? What did that man start to do? What do you know about the rest of his story?

What did the people who were scattered by persecution do? How did this begin to fulfill what Jesus promised in Acts 1:8?

What did Philip do in Samaria? How is he described earlier in Acts (see 6:1-6)? What did the Holy Spirit do through him, and what was the result?

Read Acts 8:9-13. What did Simon and Philip have in common? How were they different? How did the crowd respond to both men?

Read Acts 8:14-17. Given that the Samaritans were considered outcasts by the Jews (see John 4:9), why would Peter and John come to them? Why do you think the Father delayed pouring out his Spirit until Peter and John were there?

Read Acts 8:18-25. In what ways does Simon's reaction to the apostles show his deep misunderstanding about the gospel? How does Peter confront him? Do you think that Simon's words in verse 24 reveal a change in his heart?

How has jealousy of other Christians affected your faith?

What prejudices were you brought up with? How is the gospel breaking through those prejudices in your life?