**THE GOSPEL WAS PREACHED IN SAMARIA**

Acts 8:1-40 (4-5)

“*Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. / Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there*”

1. What happened after Stephen’s death (1-2)? Who was Saul and what did he do? How did Stephen’s death affect him (2-3)? How did persecution spread the gospel (4)? Who was Philip and what did he do (5)? What was the result (6-8)?
2. Who was Simon (9)? Who followed him (10)? How did Philip’s ministry affect Simon’s following (11-12)? Why did Simon follow Philip? (13) Why did the apostles in Jerusalem send Peter and John to Samaria (14)? What did Peter and John do to strengthen and encourage the work of God (15-19)?
3. What did Simon request from the Apostles and how (18-19)? What does this show about his view of God and God’s work? How did Peter respond and what did he see as Simon’s problem (20-23)? What did he tell him to do? What did Simon do (24)? How did the apostles continue their ministry in Samaria (25)? What can we learn here?
4. How did God lead Philip and who did he meet (26-27)? Describe the man he met. Read verses 30-35. What was the man reading (28)? Why might this passage from Isaiah appeal to the eunuch and what was his question (30-34)?
5. Describe Philip’s one-to-one Bible study (34-35)? What was the point of his study? How did the eunuch respond (36-38)? Why did he want to be baptized? What happened to the two of them after this? What can we learn from Philip’s ministry in Samaria and the importance of serving one person in Bible study?