### Week 5 Day 2 Acts 8 Understand your Bible reading plan





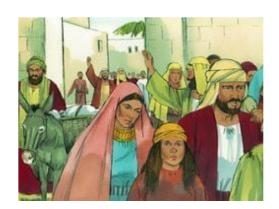
### **Introduction**

Believers flee because of persecution (v 1).

Persecution makes the believers scatter taking the message wherever they go.

# Questions

- 1. What was the result of Saul's persecution of the assembly in Jerusalem?
- 2. What did Simon think he could buy from Peter and John?
- 3. What did the eunuch want to do after Philip explained about Jesus?





## Summary Points

- v 1 to 3 Saul increases the persecution of the believers. Believers scatter throughout Judea and Samaria
- v 4 to 8 Philip goes and preaches to the Samaritans (see information)
- v 9 to 24 A sorcerer called Simon becomes a believer. He sees that the apostles can give the Holy Spirit to people who have been baptised and asks to buy the same power. Peter reprimands him and tells him to repent
- v 25 to 40 Philip is sent to speak to an Ethiopian eunuch. He is reading from the prophet Isaiah (ch. 53 v 7 and 8). Philip explains so convincingly how this applies to Jesus that when the Ethiopian sees water he asks to be baptised (see theme)

**Timeline** AD 60 (see below)



### Theme / Information

#### The importance of belief and baptism

A selection of verses showing the importance of belief and baptism.

Jesus instructs his apostles to teach others what he has taught them. Belief is confirmed by the act of baptism – total immersion in water:

Matthew 28 verses 18 to 20

Jesus' instruction in Mark's gospel shows that both belief and baptism are essential for salvation:

Mark 16 verses 15 and 16

Peter explains that the ceremony of baptism in not just like having a bath. It must be the response that God requires to the resurrection of Jesus Christ:.

1 Peter 3 verse 21

When people in Samaria believed following the preaching of Philip, they were all baptised:

Acts 8 verse 12

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The same thing happened when the Philippian jailor and his family believed after an earthquake caused chaos in the prison:

Acts 16 verses 29 to 33

It is interesting to note that Cornelius, and others with him, who also believe Peter's preaching, are given Holy Spirit gifts. However, baptism - immersion in water – is still required.

Acts 10 verses 46 to 48

### Philip's travels







### **Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 4, Q 2: v 19, Q 3: v 36

### **Bible timeline**

