

Unfinished: The Ongoing Work of Jesus
Movement Three-The Church Scattered
Scattered, Not Shattered

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Series Big Idea: We, the Church, remain as a continuation of the book of Acts. The work that Jesus finished on the cross he now continues through his Spirit-filled church.

This Week's Anchor Question:

What happens to the mission of Jesus when the church is broken, scattered, and pushed beyond its comfort and control?

1. Scattered With Purpose (1-4)

What does this text reveal about Jesus' mission, authority, and promises?

- Observations from the text:
- Key words / phrases that stand out:
- What does this tell us about Jesus today, not just then:

2. Crossing Old Lines (5-13)

Where is God acting, moving, empowering, disrupting, or directing?

- How does the Spirit show up in this passage?
- What changes because the Spirit is present?
- What assumptions or expectations are challenged?

3. Rightly Ordered Hearts (14-25)

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- The Holy Spirit's renovation of our hearts...

4. One Desert Road (26-40)

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5. A Pattern we Continue...

How does this text enter into and inform my current life context?

- Where does this text intersect with my current season?
- What question does this passage ask me?
- Where might Jesus be inviting trust, obedience, or courage?

Hyper Links
to other
Scriptures
Acts 1-7

John 4
Rom. 1:16

Deut. 23:1
Isaiah 53:7-8

Holding Tension: This space is left empty for unresolved questions, convictions, or prompts for further study/reading...

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Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide

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Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!

Start with Prayer: Ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.

Opening Prompt: What happens to the mission of Jesus when the church is broken, scattered, and pushed beyond its comfort and control?

Read the text from 2 different versions – Acts 8

Looking Back – Understanding the Text

1. What surprised you or stood out differently hearing the text again?
2. What seems unfinished, unresolved, or still in motion in this passage?
3. What does this text reveal about how Jesus works through ordinary people?

Looking Inward – Formation & the Heart

4. Where do you resonate with the disciples or early church in this passage?
5. What fears, expectations, or distractions does this text gently expose?
6. How does this passage invite deeper trust in Jesus and dependence on the Spirit?

Looking Around – Community & Witness

7. How does this text shape the way we relate to one another as a church?
8. What would it look like to live this passage out together, not just individually?
9. Where might God be positioning us for witness—near or far?

Looking Forward – Participation in God's Ongoing Work

10. What step of obedience or attentiveness feels most pressing this week?
11. Where might Jesus be asking us to wait, pray, speak, or move?
12. Who in our lives might God be drawing toward Himself through us?

Practical Living – This Week's Application (choose one or more)

- Write or journal a prayer to pray daily:
- What posture is this text inviting me to practice? (i.e. waiting, listening, courage, generosity, humility, surrender):
- Write or journal a person or place to intentionally engage:

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Prayer

Requests

Family

Church

Community

Career &
Friends

Other