



Study Questions

Persecution & Spread • Acts 8:1–4

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Engage:

- Read the text. At your initial reading, what stands out to you? Think about key themes, words, phrases, or people.
- What questions do you have about the text?

Observe:

- How does this passage connect with what has happened in the passage before this?
- Read Acts 1:8. What similarities do you see in this passage?
- In light of Jesus' commission, how do you think the believers would have experienced this persecution and the scattering of their numbers?
- What is the significance of "all except the apostles" being scattered? Why do you think Luke would include this in the narrative?
- Why do you think Saul was consumed with a desire to persecute the church? Do you think his efforts were successful? Why or why not?

Apply:

- What does the word "persecution" mean to you? Have you ever experienced or witnessed persecution because of faith in Christ?
- Being scattered didn't stop the spread of the Gospel of Christ; in fact, it supercharged it. How might Jesus be inviting you to "preach the word wherever [you go]"?
- God used Saul's persecution to exponentially spread the Gospel. Have there been negative moments in your life that God has redeemed for the spreading of the Gospel?
- Pray for each other.