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The Book of Acts

GENERAL MAP
OF
THE WORLD

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The Spread of Christianity



The Spread of Christianity
in the Roman Empire
By the Second and Fourth Centuries





The Gospel spreads
when God's people
GATHER and SCATTER

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A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were **scattered** through the regions of Judea and Samaria. ² (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.)

Acts 8:1–4

³ But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. ⁴ But the believers who were **scattered** preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

Acts 8:1–4



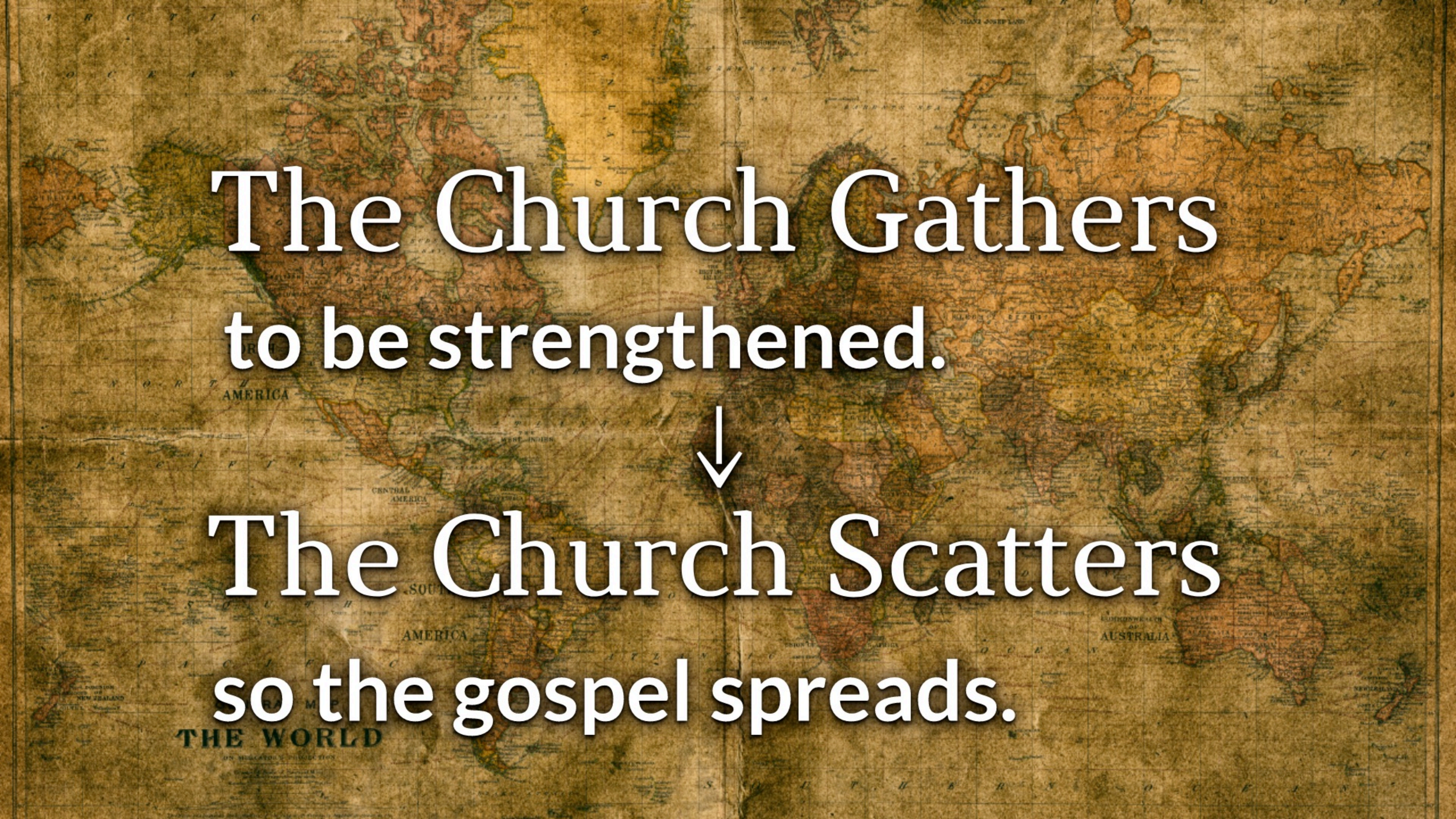
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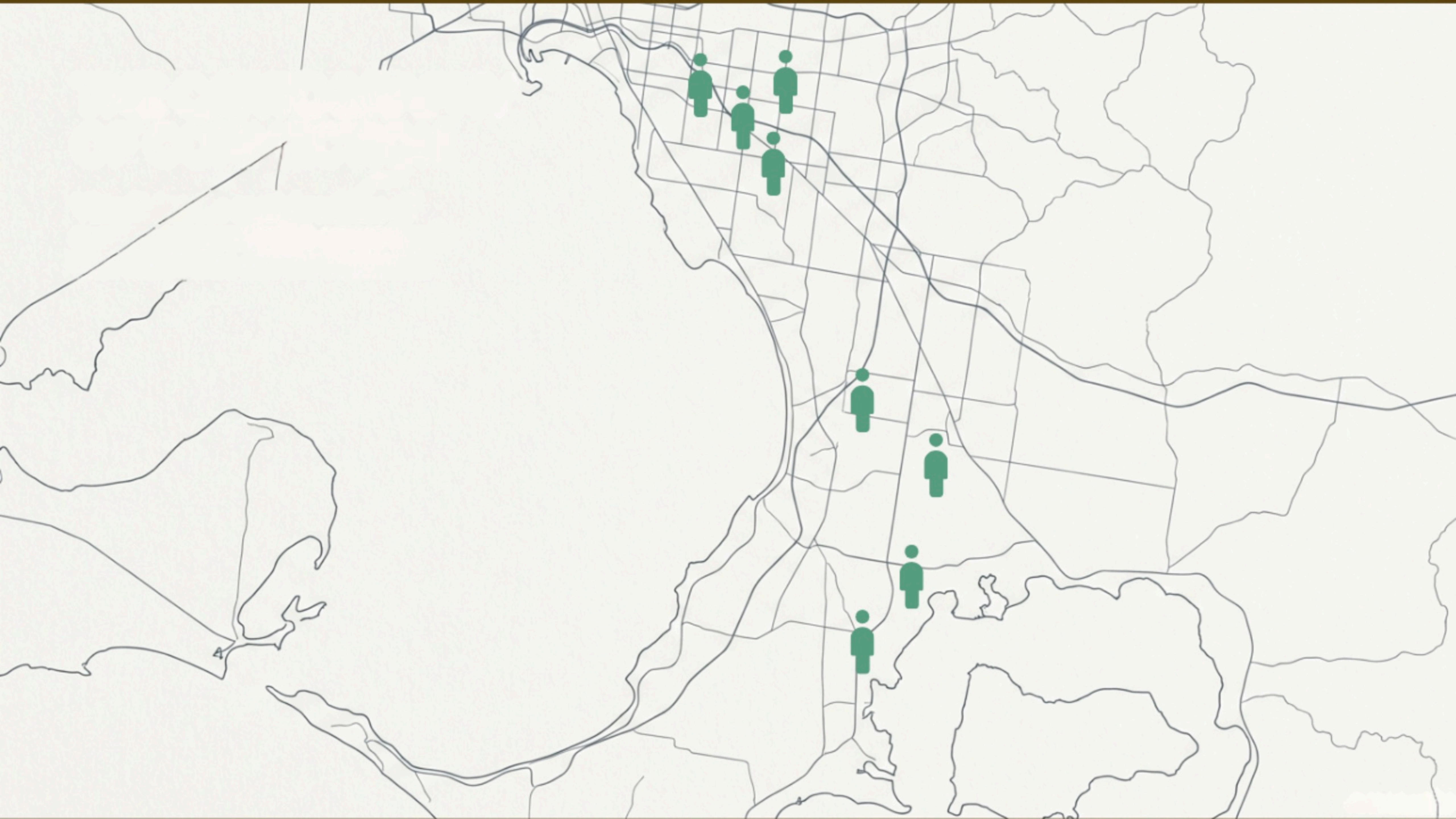
Discover Church



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The Church Scatters
so the gospel spreads.



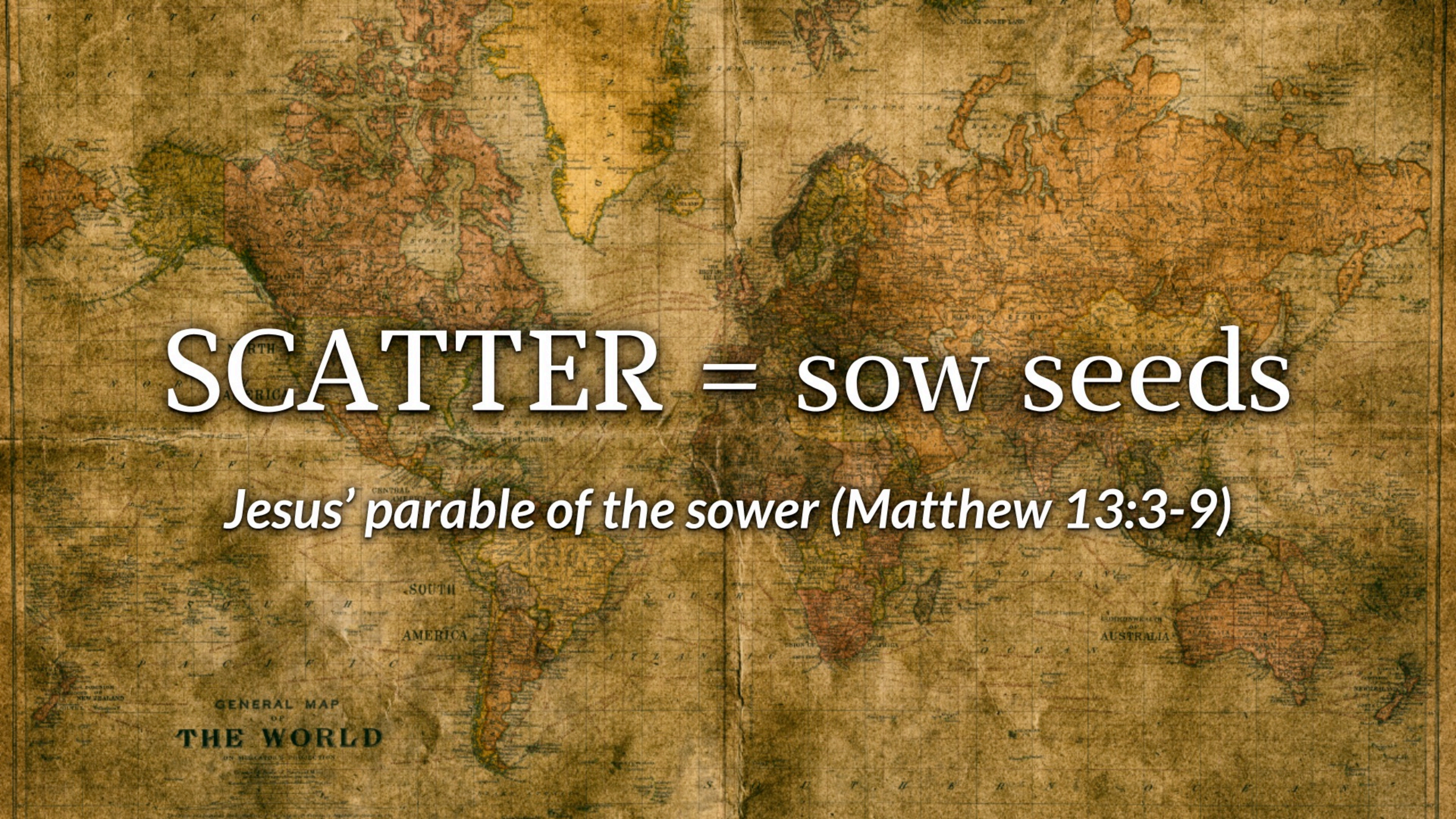
Gospel Conversation



an intentional conversation that points someone towards the person and work of Jesus.

The Gospel

The Gospel is the good news of who Jesus is and what He has done.



SCATTER = sow seeds

Jesus' parable of the sower (Matthew 13:3-9)

Acts 5-8

Response to the Gospel

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Simon Magu (7)

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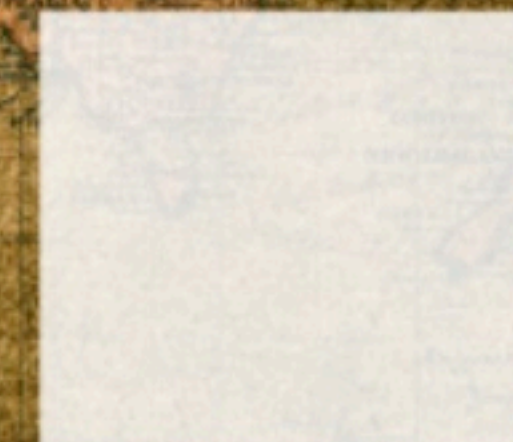


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The Word is heard, received, and produces lasting fruit.



B.L.E.S.S Principle

B - BEGIN IN PRAYER

L - LISTEN

E - EAT

S - SERVE

S - STORY (gospel conversation)

*Where has God
scattered me?*





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Pray for an opportunity for a Gospel Conversation

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- The believers in Acts were scattered into different places, but they continued to proclaim Jesus wherever they went. What makes it difficult for believers in our modern, Australian context to share the good news of Jesus?
- Read Acts 8:1–8. What stands out about how God uses persecution to advance the gospel? How might this shape the way we think about suffering, change, or unexpected circumstances in our own lives?
- Looking at the examples in Acts 5–8 (Ananias & Sapphira, Sanhedrin, Simon, the Ethiopian eunuch), which response do you find yourself most challenged by? What helps you keep your heart open to God's word?