

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 8th August 2021

The Build
Acts 2:42-47; 8:1-8



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. Can you think of a time when something terrible happened that God used for good?

Q2. When was the last time you spoke to someone about Jesus? What was that like?

INTO THE WORD

If you want the entire picture, read Acts 7.

Read Acts 8:1-3

Q3. We know that life can be tough, these verses paint a picture of fear, sadness, and what could be the end of the church (v3). When have you felt that life is full of fear, sadness, and/or is without hope?

Read Acts 8:4-8

Q4. God uses what we would see as a tragedy to impact the world. The fear that scattered the Church was not greater than the desire to share the gospel with others (v4). How can we have a desire for the gospel that outweighs our fear? What are the fears that stop us from sharing the gospel?

GOING DEEPER

Read Acts 8:26-40

Q5. Philip was a leader within the early church, we would see him as the equivalent of a ministry team leader. Philip was led by the Spirit throughout this passage. What stands out to you about the link to “hearing the Spirit” and Philip’s actions as a response to the Spirit’s leading? Is there something we can learn from Philip in how we can we respond to the Holy Spirit?

Q6. Acts 8:4 says that they “preached the word wherever they went”. How can you preach the word wherever you go - in your actions, your thoughts, your generosity, your kindness, your love, and of course as you bear witness to God? (Acts 8:1)

Pray

Loving Father, we ask that we would be filled with your Spirit, and obedient to your voice. Help us to live lives of worship, preaching your word in our actions, attitudes, and words. As you continue to build your church, use us to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever we go, in Jesus’ name, amen.