

ACTS

A SCATTERED PEOPLE

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Bible Passage: Acts 1:8, Ch 8-11

GETTING STARTED

The early church is our best example of what church should look like.
Many of these were people who had travelled with Jesus, listened to his teaching and experienced fellowship with Jesus and each other for three years. They had been taught by him for 40 days after his resurrection and had been able to question and clarify how it was that he wanted his people to behave.

INTO THE WORD

Read Acts 1:8, was this a command like the Great Commission or a prophecy telling the disciples that this would happen? **Then read Acts Chapters 8 to 11.**

- Think about Luke's purpose in writing down these stories and how they fulfil what Jesus said.

Key Verse

"Then Peter began to speak: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

Acts 10:34-35 NIV

Going Deeper

The spread of the Gospel and the establishment of fellowships of believers across the Roman Empire and beyond happened because ordinary believers took the message they had heard back to their families and friends.

And the persecution that the enemy had meant for harm, was the very thing that scattered them from Jerusalem.

Yes there were missionary journeys, with God using people like Paul, Peter, Phillip and Barnabas, but the first ones to bring the message of hope and salvation were just like those of us sitting in the congregation.

Reflection

We are all called to be witnesses for Jesus.

Being a witness doesn't mean having all the answers when we are talking to others about Jesus. A witness tells their own story, and lives in a way that the love of God and the truth of the Gospel is reflected in everything you do and say.

Living It Out

- How can you be a witness each and every day to those you come in contact with?

Memory Verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.""

Acts 1:8 NIV