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Acts Chapter 8 -- Philip 07/20/2025 Questions

1. How did persecution and the scattering of believers actually help spread the good news of Jesus?
2. Acts 8:5-6 says that "When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said." How do miracles open up the door for people to hear the message of Jesus?
3. What was your reaction to the quote from the secular historian from the book "Christianizing the Roman Empire"? Were you surprised by what he wrote?
4. Why do you think Simon the sorcerer was attracted to Philip's message?
5. Discuss this statement, "The powers of darkness seem amazing until we experience the power of God."
6. In Luke 9:54 the apostle John asks permission to call down fire onto the Samaritans to destroy them. In Acts 8:17, John calls down the fire of the Holy Spirit to fill them. What do you think made this change in John?
7. Why do you think the angel told Philip to leave the Samaritan revival go to the desert road? What does this account teach us about God's concern for individuals?
8. Have you found that God's guidance usually comes to us in parts? Do you have an example in your life when you felt an internal impression from God to reach out to someone? How did you respond to that impression?
9. Acts 8:35 says that "Philip opened his mouth" to share Jesus with the Ethiopian eunuch. Do you tend to approach being a witness for the Lord only by living a good life and hoping that others see that good life?
10. Acts chapter 8 describes the salvation of individuals in a way that the previous chapters in Acts did not. Regarding the statement, "The heart of God reaches the unreachable and includes the excluded," how does this statement relate to the three individuals mentioned in Acts 8 (Simon the sorcerer, Ethiopian eunuch, Saul of Tarsus)?