

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE STORYLINE | SCATTERED WITH THE WORD
OCTOBER 21/22 | ACTS 8:1-40

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or raised questions?
2. If you have been baptized as an adult, share your story. And while you are at it, have each person take three minutes to share their faith story.

DIGGING IN

1. What is the context to Acts 8 - key on the opening verses (1-4) and how does chapter 8 connect back to Acts 1:8?
2. Read again the stories of Simon a Samaritan (8:9-24) and the Ethiopian treasurer (8:27-39).
 - a. What do they have in common?
 - b. What is different?
3. Philip tells Simon the Magician that his heart isn't right. What from the text supports his conclusion? Look at vv 20-24, what was missing in terms of Simon's response?
4. What principles for evangelism can we glean from Acts 8? List them out.

BRINGING IT HOME

1. How was/is God using this passage to challenge or encourage you?
2. At Door Creek Church, by God's grace we desire to be a Christ-centered church for all people. The inclusion of Samaritans was a HUGE deal for a lot of reasons (theological, politically, ethnically). Who are the "Samaritans" in your life? Are you ready to embrace them into our family? Where are you at and where are/will the challenges be?
3. Who in your life might God be saying, "go and stay near?"
4. Where are you finding joy in and through your relationship with Christ?
5. Have you been baptized?

STORYLINE RESOURCE PAGE

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MESSAGE NOTES

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Deanna Wheeler at dwheeler@doorcreekchurch.org