

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of May 24-25, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

A Strategic Scattering

(Acts 8:1-25)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Acts 8:1-25.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

At first glance, Acts 8:1 paints a picture that things are falling apart – “persecution broke out... all... were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

However, contrast this verse with what was spoken by Jesus previously in Acts 1:8, “you will receive... the Holy Spirit... you will be my witnesses... in all Judea and Samaria.”

What comfort, if any, does this give you to contrast and compare these two portions of Scripture?

When have you experienced a comparable situation where at first glance, it seemed like things were falling apart?

Within the experience you just shared, if hindsight or a deeper look revealed a different reality where God was actually at work, share how you saw God working amidst the chaos?

Where might you currently feel under threat (emotionally, physically, spiritually)?

Where might you currently be feeling/experiencing barriers to following God?

Just as the early church was scattered (8:1), if you have ever experienced a comparable situation where you felt scattered, share a little bit about this experience.

If you can relate to this scattered reality of these earlier followers, how equipped did you feel to share God's vision/His gospel with those you were scattered to?

When, if ever, have you found yourself in a situation like Philip (8:5-8) where you were placed with people you maybe struggle to relate to or even struggle to love?

Maybe you have not experienced Philip's situation, but if there are people groups/demographics who you struggle to want to interact with, share a bit about this tension.

What could it look like to move towards this group or these individuals?

In Acts 8:15-17, we see Peter and John validating the Spirit's presence within the Samaritans, a people group that early followers of Jesus had a tough time believing could experience God this way.

What encouragement, if any, does this experience of the Samaritans offer you?

Spend some time with your group wrestling with the following question Pastor Alan challenged us with.

"God, where are You at work around me and how can I participate in that?"

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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