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**Text: Acts 8**

**Topic: Faith Under Fire**

## Mid-Week Worship and Study HANDOUT

### F. The Church is Scattered (8:1-3)

The death of Stephen had a profound effect on both

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\_\_\_\_\_, a devout Jew was in agreement with the death of Stephen. In light of Saul's background, his vote to have Stephen killed suggested that Stephen was a force to be reckoned with.

\_\_\_\_\_ world knew of Saul, and to have him agree with the killing of Stephen meant that the church was now a public target.

### Chapter 8 Verse 1

*And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at the same time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria except the apostles.*

**Stephen's Ministry Promoted the Church's Growth:**

1. His \_\_\_\_\_

2. His \_\_\_\_\_

3. His \_\_\_\_\_

4. His \_\_\_\_\_

5. His \_\_\_\_\_

Growth should not \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. The growth of the Church  
came by the way of \_\_\_\_\_.

The scattering of the church was for the expansion of the Church and not  
because the Church had become comfortable.

Jerusalem was:

- The

\_\_\_\_\_

- The place where the Church \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

- The place where Peter and John were \_\_\_\_\_.

- The place where Peter and John were instructed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

- The place where the Church was \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

The church withstood \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ while in Jerusalem.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the church was for the purpose of carrying the Gospel outside of Jerusalem. The disbursement was not out of fear but it was for the spreading of the Faith.

The \_\_\_\_\_ had to be done by persons who were disciplined.

Acts 8:4

*Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.*

Verse 2

*And devout men carried Stephen to his burial and made great lamentation over him.*

1. Devout men – \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Carried Stephen to his burial – \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. Great lamentation over him – \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. They did not \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 8: 3

*As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house and haling men and women committed them to prison.*

Saul joined the attack and because of his status in the Jewish community his name carried weight.

Saul's status:

- name means - \_\_\_\_\_
- from \_\_\_\_\_ - an affluent and diverse community
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Acts 22:3
- \_\_\_\_\_ - moved to Jerusalem and studied under Gamaliel, who was a Pharisee and esteemed Rabbi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the law and Jewish Faith
- was being \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ by trade
- \_\_\_\_\_ because he thought that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_
- Stopped the followers of \_\_\_\_\_ because they were spreading the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Mission of Saul: Going from house to house:

- To \_\_\_\_\_ from spreading
- To arrest those who \_\_\_\_\_
- To \_\_\_\_\_, if necessary
- To \_\_\_\_\_ others from becoming believers.
- To gain more \_\_\_\_\_

In light of all that Saul and the Jewish leaders did, it did not \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 8:1

*... they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.*

The Church still needed a place of:

- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing Thoughts:**

When our faith is under fire, we must be aware that there are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Our Faith in those  
moments must not surrender \_\_\_\_\_ but our  
faith \_\_\_\_\_ must  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The place of \_\_\_\_\_ for your faith should not limit you to  
the sharing of your faith in \_\_\_\_\_.

III. The Church Scattered into Palestine and Syria  
(8:4-12:25)

A. The Ministry of Philip (8:4-40) Pivotal Person #2

1. Philip in Samaria (8:4-25)
2. Philip and the Ethiopian (8:26-39)
3. Philip en route to Caesarea (8:40)