

**EXPLORER'S BIBLE STUDY**  
**The Acts of the Apostles**  
**Session 10: Phillip: Spiritual Awakening in the Land (Samaria)! – Student Notes**  
**ACTS 8: 1-40**  
Heritage Church, Van Buren, Arkansas  
November 11th, 2009

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever **Hebrews 13:8**

Attribute of God:      November 11:      God is \_\_\_\_\_

**Aim:** To teach that God works all things for good for those that love Him! Romans 8:28

**Ice Breaker Discussion:** Have you ever experienced a trial or crisis that opened up an expansion of your ministry or enabled you to help others more effectively?

**INTRODUCTION: Acts 8: 1-3**

WHY DID GOD NOT SAVE STEPHEN?

Tertullian: “The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church!”

Read: John 12:24

Read ACTS 1:8 Where did God intend His people to witness?

“The United Methodist Church believes today, as Methodism has from the first, that the only infallible proof of a true church of Christ is its ability to seek and to save the lost, to disseminate the Pentecostal spirit and life, to spread scriptural holiness, and to transform all peoples and nations through the Gospel of Christ,” *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1988), page 10.

**FOUR SIGNS OF A TRUE CHURCH!**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lost! (vs. 4-13) John 4:9

APPLICATION: DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO FEELS LIKE A SAMARITAN?

APPLICATION: Who are the “Samaritans” of our city to whom God wants us to go?

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit and Life! (vs. 14-17)

Acts 2:41

1 Corinthians 12:13 *“For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body*

APPLICATION: Have you received the Holy Spirit?

3. Spreads Scriptural \_\_\_\_\_ . (vs. 18-24) 1 Peter 1:16

John Wesley “Until you press believers to expect full salvation now, you must not look for any revival!”

**Discussion: Do you expect full salvation now? --that is, a complete healing unto wholeness and every motivation in your heart is out of love for God and people?**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ all people and nations through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (vs. 25-40, especially 39).

**Application: Do you leave worship wanting to know more, or do you just leave, clear your mind, and dive into another week? Jeremiah 29:13 ... *You will seek me and you will find me when you seek me with all your heart?***

**2 Timothy 2:15** <sup>15</sup>*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Phillip’s Two Evangelistic Outreaches ... Phillip preached same word, response the same: belief, baptism, joy!

POINT: The message of Jesus is for all! Result to be the same! Receiving and JOY!!