

# Message Notes

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Onward: The Church Scattered

Acts 8:1-25

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## Onward

- ◆ Acts is the story of an \_\_\_\_\_ people empowered to continue Jesus' mission.
- ◆ Potential subtitle of Acts: ordinary people who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ The Church is God's \_\_\_\_\_ on mission with Him to make disciples. (Gen. 28:3, 35:11; Mt. 16:13, 28:19-20; Col. 1:18; Eph. 3:10, 21)
- ◆ The environment for a church growing usually involves \_\_\_\_\_ and testing. (Luke 21:12-13; Acts 11:19; Rom 1:16; 1 Cor 1:18)
- ◆ Rather than letting fear have the last word, we can see trials as an \_\_\_\_\_ to join Jesus' mission. (Acts 14:22; Rom. 12:12; 1 Pet. 1:6-9)

## The Church Scattered

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. (Acts 8:1)

- ◆ Jesus words from \_\_\_\_\_ are fulfilled – Jerusalem, Judea, \_\_\_\_\_.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

- ◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ stayed in Jerusalem – \_\_\_\_\_ people were scattered.
- ◆ We're \_\_\_\_\_ ordinary people on mission with Jesus.
- ◆ Trials and testing forced these ordinary people out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem.

## Lessons from Samaria

- ◆ No one is beyond the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (2 Pet. 3:9)
- ◆ God has a \_\_\_\_\_ heart that beats for the whole world.
- ◆ The story of Simon serves as a \_\_\_\_\_ about motives.
- ◆ We are God's \_\_\_\_\_ to take the gospel \_\_\_\_\_.