

As Jesus Builds His Church, He Invites Servants & Seekers Alike Into a Love Relationship

Acts 8:1-5, 26-40

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A. _____ disperses God's messengers throughout Judea and Samaria.

B. God's mission and mandate compels His servants to _____ the Word and _____ Christ in Samaria (v.4-5; 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 6:2,4).

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B. God's servant needs to respond with _____ to engage in God's work.

C. Seekers are invited into a _____ with God that requires faith and action (v.30-38; Matt. 16:13-18).

III. God continues to _____ His church through His servant's witness (v.39-40).

Applying God's Word to Life

- 1) Who is one of your best friends? How did your relationship start? How did it grow?
- 2) If you are married or dating, tell your story. How did you meet each other and how did you end up together?
- 3) Describe a time when you were actively seeking God? What were some of the evidences that you were pursuing Him?
- 4) In what ways has God pursued a love relationship with you? Recount the ways.
- 5) What are some of the different ways you have responded to His love over different seasons of your life?
- 6) What do you sense God leading you to do right now?
- 7) What would keep you from trusting him, and acting on God's leading in your life right now?

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