

Sharing the Good News

Acts 8:1-25

Main Point:

Knowing how Jesus builds His church, share the good news of His gospel wherever He takes you.

1. Jesus uses unfavorable circumstances to build His church.

2. Jesus brings unlikely people into His church.

3. Jesus gives free and wonderful gifts to those in His church.

4. Therefore, share the good news of Jesus wherever He takes you in life.

Galatians 1:13 ¹³ For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it. (NKJV)

Tertullian "The oftener we are mown down by you, the more in number we grow; the blood of Christians is seed."

Acts 1:8 ⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson "The persecution was painful, and the scattering seemed to be a setback. Yet through these trails God broadcast his Word like fertile seed into new fields."

Philippians 1:12 ¹² But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, (NKJV)

John 4:9 ⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas "The coming of the Spirit to Samaria represents not their conversion but a new stage in the progress of the new covenant witness to the end of the earth."

Revelation 5:9 ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, (ESV)

1 Timothy 1:15-16 ¹⁵ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. (NKJV)

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. (NKJV)

Isaiah 55:1 ¹ "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson, "The Spirit is not a commodity to be traded on the market, but the Sovereign who gives himself freely to those who surrender to his grace."

2 Corinthians 9:15 ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (NKJV)

Luke 2:10 ¹⁰ ... "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas "Like the early disciples, we, too, must take the gospel with us wherever we go and speak about Jesus in our day-to-day conversations with those whom we meet."

Psalms 96:2 ² Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. (NKJV)