Questions for Acts 8:1-25

Key verse 8:12

### **THE GOOD NEWS SPREADS TO SAMARIA**

1. In what ways was Saul involved in the killing of Stephen (1a)? What were the consequences for the church in Jerusalem after Stephen’s martyrdom, and how did these events unfold (1b-3)? How was Jesus’ purpose fulfilled despite the tragedy of Stephen’s death (1:8; 8:4; 11:19-21)?
2. Who was Philip, what prompted his journey to Samaria, and what actions did he take upon arriving there (5-6a; 6:5)? What happened in Samaria as a result of Philip’s ministry, and why were these events significant (6b-8; 1:8; Jn 4:9)?

1. What actions did Simon take in Samaria, and what impact did Philip’s proclamation of the good news have on the people there (9-13)? How did the apostles in Jerusalem respond to the news from Samaria (14-17)?
2. What was Simon’s offer, why was it considered wrong, and what does Peter’s rebuke reveal about the proper response to such offers (18-23)? How did Simon react to Peter’s rebuke, and what actions did the apostles continue to pursue afterwards (24-25)?
3. What can you learn from this passage?