**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 8**

**Acts 8:1-40**

1. What did you learn from Stephen’s defense in last week’s lesson?

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ broke out against the church at Jerusalem. What resulted?

3. Share how you think the godly men who buried Stephen felt knowing martyrdom for their faith was a real possibility.

4. How did Saul’s persecution of the church fulfill Jesus’ words in John 16:2?

5. a. How did God use this persecution of the church for good?

 b. Read Romans 8:28 and share a time in your life when God used a “persecution” for good.

6. a. According to John 4:9, why would it be unusual for Philip to be preaching in Samaria?

 b. From Acts 1:8, what instruction of Jesus was Philip obeying?

 c. How did Jesus view Samaritans in their parables:

 Luke 10:29-37

 Luke 17:11-19

7. a. In John 4:39-42, how had Jesus been received by the Samaritans?

 b. How was Philip received in Acts 8:6?

 c. Eagerness for truth is a response to hearing God’s Word. Share a special time when you were eager for God’s truth.

8. What else did Philip do among the Samaritans?

9. Great joy! Write and personalize Jeremiah 15:16.

10. a. Why did Simon have a following among the Samaritans?

 b. What similar practices attract a large following today?

11. What was the result of Philip’s ministry in verses 12-13?

12. a. When Peter and John came to Samaria, how did they minister to the new believers?

 b. According to these Scriptures, what does the Holy Spirit do:

 John 14:16-17

 Romans 8:16

 2 Corinthians 3:6

13. Peter and John prayed an intercessory prayer for the Samaritans.

 a. Give one other Bible example of intercessory prayer.

 b. What do you think are appropriate subjects for intercessory prayer or are there any limitations?

14. a. In verse 9, Simon boasted he was someone great. What did he want in verses 18-19?

 b. What was Peter’s rebuke?

 c. Peter said Simon’s sin was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 23)

 d. Why do you think Simon responded as he did in verse 24?

15. a. Who told Philip to take the desert road to Gaza?

 b. Whom did Philip meet on the road and what was his job description?

16. a. What would indicate that the Ethiopian had a heart seeking after God?

 b. What does God promise in:

 Jeremiah 29:13

 Luke 11:10

 c. How would Philip identify Jesus from the Isaiah 53 passage as the suffering servant?

 c. What do you think Philip may have said that caused the eunuch to be baptized? List three or four possible statements.

17. What important principle do you learn from Philip’s life both in Samaria and on the road to Gaza?