

Outline

The Mission of the Church

“Go into all the world and make disciples.” Matthew 28:20.

The Historic Context for Acts 8

The Mission of the Church Seen

“On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.

⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷ With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city. Acts 8:1-8

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF A MISSION-DRIVEN CHURCH

I. IT WAS ALL ABOUT THE GOSPEL

“preached the word” (vs. 4),
“proclaimed the Christ” (vs. 5).
“preached the good news” (vs. 12)
“[preached] the name of Jesus” (vs. 12)

Do Verses Done

“Being a Mission-Driven Church”

8:1-8

7/4/21

Acts

The Focus of the Church

II. IT WAS GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

“preached.” (vs. 4)

III. IT EMBODIED THE GOSPEL

Jesus’ Ministry

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19

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“So there was great joy in that city.” (vs. 8)

Bringing Joy to the City

V. It SUFFERED GREATLY

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”

Matthew 16:25

Phillip

Jesus