

PREACHING CURRICULUM



PERSECUTION & FRUITFULNESS ACTS 8:1-8

"Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word."

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

How did the persecution of Stephen position the early church to bear witness to the Gospel? _____

Do you believe that it was necessary for the early church to undergo persecution in order to grow? If so why would God allow this to be one of the ways in which to grow His church? _____

Why was the preaching of God's word to Samaria so significant? What fulfillment was taking place before them? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Just as the godless had overplayed their hand in the persecution of the early church, in what ways have you seen them overplay their hand in our current culture? _____

How important is it to remain faithful in times of trouble and hardship? How does our response to this affect our witness for good or bad? _____

The fact of the matter is, if we don't prepare for persecution we won't know how to react when it comes. What are some ways we can prepare ourselves and those we love for hard times? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

In what ways are you building spiritual muscle through resistance? Think in terms of your worship, walk, and work for Christ. _____

In what ways have you put the fear of the Lord over the fear of man? (Mt 10:28) Why is this the catalyst to remaining joyful in all circumstances? (2 Cor 4:16-18) _____

How are you allowing Christ to use you for His glory? _____

4

COMMIT THIS WEEK

What is one spiritual discipline that you'll commit to this week? Share it with your small group and follow up with your leader at the end of the week for accountability. _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

PERSON	REQUEST	ANSWER/PRAISE REPORT