

SAMARIA

(Mt. 28:19, Ge. 1:28) God is a multiplier and He makes it fun. (1 Pe.1:23)

Preaching

Acts 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

The strange thing about persecution is that it does not succeed in its purpose. The Jewish government tried to preserve its system through persecution but the result was the expansion of the Christian system. The disciples were welcoming those the Jews had rejected. (ill. Babies do best when we start new families.)

Subject

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

Preach Christ, not politics, not Judaism, not Deaf culture, not Pentecostalism: Christ. There are many things we all need to learn and we need teachers to teach us, but the evangelist preaches Christ; He is the foundation. (Pr. 1:7, 1 Cr. 1:23)

Heed

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

Full attention, often we only get one opportunity for the most important decisions. If we are distracted by anything we miss POTENTIAL. Potential is what we could have in the future if we are willing to change now. The Samaritans lives were changed because they seized the opportunity. (2 Corinthians 6:2) "Carpe diem!"

Deliverance

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Deliverance from demonic power, physical handicaps, confirmed Philip's words. (Hebrews 2:4) These things are still happening today by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Joy

8 And there was great joy in that city.

Joy is the evidence of revival; joy is extremely contagious. It is not the feeling the terrorist, who conceals his identity experiences, because he still is full of fear. It is the joy of fearlessness, love, and hope. (1 John 4:18)

Samaria is also the place the disciples found joy. Other people's happiness and joy is the pleasure of mature Christians.

When: After the persecution began

Who: Philip

Why: Christ

Where: Samaria

What: Deliverance

How: Preaching



