

**CHURCHES BEGIN TO MULTIPLY**

**Introduction:** Persecution of believers in Jerusalem helped spread the Gospel to new places.

**Lesson Aim:** Trust God when bad things happen; He uses them to make good things happen.

**Verse:** We know that all things work together for good to them that love God – Rom 8:28

**Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**

**I. The Expansion by Persecution — 8:1-4**

1. Who caused the believers to leave Jerusalem? 8:1, 3
2. How did this persecution help churches to be planted and grow in Judea and Samaria? 8:4

**II. The Evangelization by Philip — 8:5-40**

3. To which city did Philip go to preach the gospel of Christ? 8:5
4. How did the Samaritans respond to Philip's preaching? 8:6-8
5. When Simon the sorcerer believed, was he truly saved? 8:13, 18-24; Jn 2:23-25
6. Why did Peter and John go to Samaria? 8:14-17
7. Where did the angel send Philip? 8:26 To the road that went to G\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Whom did Philip meet on this road and what was he doing? 8:27-28
9. Why was Philip a successful witness? He obeyed the Spirit and r\_\_\_\_\_ to the man's chariot. 8:29-30  
He spoke first and asked, "Do you understand what you are r\_\_\_\_\_?" 8:30-31  
He used the Scriptures that the man was reading and preached to him J\_\_\_\_\_. 8:32-35
10. What did the man want to do that showed he was a true believer? 8:36-37

**III. The Experience of the Persecutor — 9:1-31**

11. Why was Saul going to Damascus? 9:1-2
12. What changed Saul's plan? 9:3-5
13. What did the Lord tell Ananias? 9:10-16
14. What happened when Ananias met with Saul? 9:17-18
15. What did Saul do in Damascus? 9:19-22
16. When do you think that Saul was converted? 9:6, 17, 18
17. How did Saul escape from the Jews who planned to kill him in Damascus? 9:23-25  
In Jerusalem? 9:28-30

**IV. The Empowerment through Peter — 9:32-43**

18. What miracle did Peter perform in Lydda? 9:32-34
19. What miracle did Peter perform in Joppa? 9:36-41