



## 📍 **Background: Movement in Jerusalem**📍

- Acts 1:1 – 4:4 – The Lord revealed His plan for the restoration of all things
- Acts 4:5 – 6:7 – Opposition/ Threats/ Distractions to the restoration programme
- Acts 6:8 – 8:3 – Evangelisation of Greek-speaking Jews in Jerusalem
  - The issues with the Jews brought up in the last speech Stephen made are
    - True obedience to God (not just having the law)
    - True worship of God (not just having the temple)

## 📍 **Background: Movement in Judea-Samaria**📍

- With the persecution of the church arising from Stephen's death, the next movement of the spread of the gospel according to Acts 1:8 continues to unfold:
- Acts 8:4 – 25 → Philip's evangelization of Samaria
  - Two issues needed addressing which may lead to different “versions” of the gospel and that which may lead to the disunity of the early church:
    1. The repudiation of the Jews and Jerusalem (and thus God's revealed word) by the Samaritans
    2. Conversion due to the “sensational” phenomenon which accompanied the preaching of the gospel
- Acts 8:26 – 40 → Philip's evangelization of the Ethiopian eunuch
  - Worshipper of God – religiosity still closely related with the Jews
  - Ethnically further away from the Jews
- Acts 9:1 – 31 → Interlude: Saul's conversion and commission

## 📍 **Summary statement: Acts 9:31**📍

So the church throughout **all Judea and Galilee and Samaria** had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

### Cf the previous summary statements:

Acts 2:46-47 And day by day, **attending the temple together** and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 6:7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly **in Jerusalem**, and a great many of **the priests became obedient to the faith**.

**ACTS 9:32 - 10:48**

## 📍 9:32–43 A Living God Who Continues To Save

- Healing of Aenas

- Raising of Tabitha

## 📍 10:1–8 A Merciful God Who Shows The Way To Salvation

## 📍 10:9–23 A Powerful God Who Sends His Messenger

## 📍 10:23–48 An Impartial God Who Is The Lord Of All

**Think and Pray...**

1. How does God's fulfilment of Acts 1:8 excites you as a bearer of the gospel message to others? Do you see yourself as a continuation of that history?
2. As you see the character of God in His plan to save man, how does that encourage you in your ministry to bring the gospel to others?

