

THE MISSION IN SAMARIA AND JUDEA

(GOD'S COUNSEL FOR THE GENTILE AND WORLD MISSION)

Acts 8:1 – 12:25

Key Verses 9:15, 16

*** The Samaria mission and the conversion of Saul (8:1-9:43)**

1. How could the counsel of God be fulfilled in the time of great persecution? (8:1-4; Acts 1:8) How powerfully did God work in Samaria through Philip? (8:5-13) What happened through the support of the apostles in Samaria? (8:14-25; Jn 4:35, 37-38) How was Philip used for the Ethiopian mission? (8:26-40) What do you learn about the work of the Holy Spirit through the apostles and Philip?
2. With what love did the resurrected Jesus intervene in Saul's life? (9:1-9; Mt 5:43, 44; 1 Tim 1:15b; 1 Cor 15:10) With what sovereign counsel did Jesus call Saul? (9:15-16) What role did Ananias have in Saul's conversion? (9:10-18) How was the work of the Holy Spirit manifested through Saul's new life? (9:19-31) How did Peter open the door to evangelization in Lydda, Judea and Joppa? (9:32-43) Testify to God's grace and counsel for your life!

*** God's counsel for Gentile mission and the first mission headquarter (10:1-12:25)**

3. How did God open the way for the Gentile mission? (10:1-16) What sovereign counsel did Cornelius and Peter experience and witness through God's guidance? (10:17-33) What did Peter testify about God and the gospel? (10:34-43) What was the historical significance of the Gentiles receiving the Holy Spirit? (10:44-48; Eph 2:14, 15)
4. How did Peter testify to the work of God among the Gentiles? (11:1-18) How did the gospel spread through persecution? (11:19-21) What support did the church in Antioch receive through Barnabas and Saul? (11:22-26; 4:36, 37; 9:15, 16; 9:27) Why were the disciples in Antioch called Christians first? (11:26c) How did God protect the leaders through the prayer of the church? (12:1-17; Eph 6:18, 19; Mt 18:19, 20) What does the end of Herod reveal? (12:19-24) What do you learn about God's heart for gentile mission?