The Gospel Crosses Boundaries
11/8/26 – Pastor Zach
Acts 8:1-14

Connect: Who shared the Gospel with you? Did you accept right away, or did it take several times with you? Have you ever been involved in a movement, Christian or non, what was that like for you?

Engage; Reread Acts 8;1-14
What stands out to you through this section of Scripture?
There were 3 Rhythms of the New church
1. Scattering Acts 8:1-3
2. Witness Acts 8:4-5
3. Joy Acts 8:6-14

1. Scattering – Acts 8:1-3
   a. Stephen's friends buried him and grieved but then Saul is persecuting and families are scattered
   b. Persecution can wound the church however the Gospel continued to spread. Where do you see this? Also, we can get more comfortable in our Christianity. Where do you see this in your life?
   c. When was the last time you asked the Lord who could use what you have given me today? What would that look like as you take the step of faith?
   d. Who actually carried the news out of Jerusalem?
   e. What do you think of John Pipers statement? The lesson is that comfort, ease, affluence, prosperity, safety and freedom often cause a tremendous inertia in the church.
2. Witness – Acts 8:4-5
   a. The good news of the Gospel was moved by scattered believers.
   b. Gossip the Gospel was Tim Kellers quote. What do you think would happen if we actually did that?
   c. Who is in your everyday path that may need to hear the Gospel? Who has told you enough about their life that you could follow up with? Who is God putting on your heart?
3. Joy – Acts 8:6-14
   a. Give joy a human face. Who do you know that exudes joy? What do you treasure about Jesus?
   b. What if you had to go to a different place, how would you respond would you go with joy or resentment?
   c. Who gets to share the good things Jesus has given us? Even though things are hard – can you share the good things God is doing? Why or why not? If you do not have joy, what is that about? Where can you apply joy today?
   d. Even if you have nothing to be joyful about – Can you be joyful for your salvation? How would that change you, to live in the joy of your salvation ?

Apply: What is the Lord inviting you too this week? Where are you going to look for opportunities to share what God is doing in your life? What is God asking you to do or where to invest?