



COURAGEOUS FAITH

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Bible study for the week starting October 2, 2022

SHARE

1. Plant...water...harvest. We never know what role we have in a person's faith journey. We may plant the seed, water the seedling, or actually get to see someone come to know Christ. How has God used you in others faith walks? Have you ever shared faith and saw someone come to faith? Have you ever planted a seed and prayed for someone? Is there someone right now that you are praying those seeds would take root? Share and discuss these significant stories and people.

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Acts 8:5-17**
 - a. Phillip went to Samaria. Somewhere that many thought lived godless heathens. Is there anywhere you have a hard time believing the Gospel can penetrate?
 - b. Simon seems to seek fame over faith. He wants to use the Spirit as a parlor trick and not submit to it. What does submission to the Spirit look like for you?
2. Read **Matthew 5:10-16** - Persecution is something that God says is a blessing. And in the midst, you become a light unto the world. How do you let your light shine? Have you ever been the recipient of "persecution" because of it?
3. Read **ACTS 8:18-25**
 - a. Simon tried to buy grace. To buy the gift of the Spirit and Peter rebuked him. In what ways does Simon the Magician's story serve as a warning for us?
4. Read **Isaiah 55:1-11**. What stands out?
 - a. How does God's word return in this story in ACTS? In your life? Who shared faith with you?

PRAY

5. Pray: For those that don't know Jesus. For the seeds that have been planted. And for the Spirit of God to transform the hard to reach places in our world...including our own hearts. Pray that



Courageous Faith: GIFT
Acts 8:5-25
October 2, 2022 – Pastor Ben Schrank

***Diaspora-* SCATTERED LIKE SEED**

- 1) Sometimes we PLANT, sometimes we WATER, and other times we REAP A HARVEST.

Who planted ? _____

Who watered ? _____

- 2) FAME is fleeting, but God's glory is ETERNAL.

BAPTISM

- Not a MAGIC FORMULA

- Not an "ADD-ON"

- PROMISE of God

- 3) You can't purchase a GIFT.

We may be SURPRISED at the people we find in heaven. God has a soft spot for sinners.

– Desmond Tutu

Who are you committed to pray for this week ? _____

For next week, read Acts 8:26-40