

Acts: O Church, Arise!
March 8, 2026 – Acts 8:4-25
Not Magic

Message for today – The gospel is to be received, not used. God is to be honored, not manipulated.

The gospel comes with great power and produces joy

The gospel puts human greatness in its place

The Spirit is received by those who receive the Word

God will not be received as a commodity

Reflections
Acts 8:4:25

Hear the Word

1. What is this passage telling me about who God is (His character, actions, attributes, Word)?
2. What does it tell me about the original audience, or about the nature of sin?
3. What actions are being commanded, encouraged, celebrated, prohibited, or warned against?
4. What is the main purpose of this passage, and does it bring other passages to mind?
5. How does this passage point me to Jesus, and help me to see the gospel more clearly?

Do the Word

1. How do my actions, thoughts, words or emotions need to change in light of this passage?
2. How does my prayer life need to change as a result of this?
3. What do I need to repent of or confess to God?
4. Do I see any other way that this should impact my worship of God?

Next Week: Acts 8:26-40