

Spring Groups Season  
Week 6



# ORIGINS

## Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

### SUMMARY

As we continued through our *Origins* study, Pastor Frank taught a message from Acts 8:1-40 entitled “About an Advancing Church”. He helped unpack the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit; how He guides us, how He provides opportunities for us, and how He prepares us to do the work of pointing others to Jesus...despite the enemy’s opposition! We simply need to have hearts that are quick to obey in those moments.

### APPLICATION

**1. An advancing church is guided by God while opposed by hell.**

- How have you been challenged with simple obedience to the Holy Spirit’s promptings recently?

**2. An advancing church is in partnership with God.**

- “Watch to see where God is working and join Him in His work.” - Henry Blackaby. In what good work are you currently participating with God? How did that opportunity come about?
- Where do you see Calvary Chatt participating in God’s work? If you’re not involved, how can you be?

**3. An advancing church will never take the place of God.**

- Like Philip, there may be a time you need to step out of a discipleship-relationship so that they look to God instead of you. Have you ever seen this dynamic?
- Is there anyone in your life that is over-dependent on you for discipleship that needs to be dependent on God? What needs to change in that relationship?

**4. An advancing church will make family a priority.**

- How would you rate your work/family balance?
- What would it look like to make more room for your family-life this week and beyond?
- How can this group help hold you accountable to doing what you answered on the last question?

**5. An advancing church will be like Jesus when afflicted.**

- Share a few examples of Christ’s attitudes/traits/responses when He was afflicted and persecuted.
- Which of those attitudes/traits do you need to model or improve in when you’re afflicted?

### PRAYER

Pray for hearts that are quick to obey His promptings, especially when it might not seem illogical.

