



A False Gospel - Acts 8:1-25

1. After reading Acts 8:1-25, how do you see God's hand dispersing the disciples of Jesus and forcing the Great commission to the world outside of Jerusalem? What types of persecution do you see on the horizon in our context and culture? Can you see how God may use it for His purposes?
2. How do we shift our mindset from thinking that all persecution is bad to understand that God will use persecution as part of His ultimate plan?
3. Discuss this quote. "The church is like manure. Pile it up, and it stinks up the neighborhood. Spread it out, and it enriches the world."
4. An excellent sub-plot happens in this text where John ventures back to the people he had asked Jesus to call down fire upon (Luke 9:51-55). How does this change of heart (sanctification) give you hope for your heart change towards people you dislike?
5. Simon, the magician, believed that he could purchase the power of the Holy Spirit. His "conversion" was false and steeped in an incorrect understanding of the Gospel. Was there ever a time that you believed something wrong about the Gospel? Have you ever tried to use the Gospel for your own purposes only?
6. Out of all of the false/incomplete Gospels that we looked at this week, (THE FORGIVENESS ONLY GOSPEL, THE LEFT GOSPEL (LIBERALISM), THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL, THE CONSUMER GOSPEL, and THE (RELIGIOUS) RIGHT GOSPEL, to which one or combination of multiple, does your flesh naturally gravitate?
7. Next week we will be taking time to examine the Kingdom Gospel, sometimes referred to as the Discipleship Gospel or Jesus Gospel. Take some time to discuss and write down the components you believe are necessary parts of the Gospel that Jesus and the Apostles taught throughout their ministry.