

JESUS CONTINUED

BY THE SPIRIT, THROUGH THE CHURCH, IN THE WORLD

You Will Be My Witnesses

Acts 8:1-24 (p. 916)

The Acts 1:8 Outline

- Witnesses in Jerusalem (Acts 1-7)
- Witnesses in Judea and Samaria (Acts 8-12)
- Witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 13-28)

A Tale Of Two Cities

- One City Full Of Persecution
- One City Full Of Joy

A Tale Of Two Responses

- Genuine Converts Examined And Confirmed
- A False Convert Exposed And Rejected

Application

- Adversity is God's tool to accomplish His good purposes
- The joy of the city is found in the bold witness of ordinary Christians
- True converts must be confirmed and embraced even if they come from places that make us uncomfortable
- False converts will find their way into the church but will be exposed by their motivations

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. How has this passage changed your view of persecution at the personal or church-wide level?
3. In what ways does Simon serve as a warning?
4. The gospel message was received with "great joy." Recall when you came to faith in Christ and the joy that brought. How might we, as individual and as a church, work for the joy of our city?
5. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
6. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
7. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
8. How were you encouraged by this passage?
9. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?