

WEEK 6- THE FIRST MOVEMENT

Acts 8:1-8

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE FIRST MOVEMENT WAS ORGANIC
2. THE FIRST MOVEMENT WAS STRATEGIC
3. THE FIRST MOVEMENT WAS EMBODIED
4. THE FIRST MOVEMENT WAS CENTERED ON THE GOSPEL

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. In Acts 8 we see that Christianity was an "organic" movement. As the early church was scattered they were talking about and living out the gospel wherever they went. This means that instead of being consumers they all transitioned to being contributors in the mission of the church. What is one way you could contribute to the efforts of your local church?
3. When the early Christians were scattered and began sharing the message of Jesus it was less eloquent than the apostles but it was more effective. Have you ever told someone about Jesus? What was it like?
4. One of the ways that Christianity was embodied in the early church was through racial reconciliation. Jesus came to reconcile people and He can do it like no one else can. What are some things we can learn about racial reconciliation from looking at the way Jesus treated Samaritans in John 4 and Philip treated Samaritans in Acts 8?
5. Has the gospel changed the way you treat people? In what way?
6. In Acts 8:8 we see that there was "great joy in the city" because of Christians bringing the message of Jesus there both in their word and in their actions. What could it look like for you to bring joy to your city?
7. **PRAY:** Take some time to talk to God as a group. Consider praying for transformation to happen in our families, community, country and world through a movement that is organic, strategic, embodied and centered on the gospel. Ask for clarity on what role you have in what God is doing in the world.