Glenwood Baptist Church

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Worship Service

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Let Them Hear

Lesson One • Acts 8:1-8 What Will It Take to Let Them Hear?

The Mission Continues

God desires for every Christ-follower to have Spirit-filled passion and power to "<u>LET THEM HEAR</u>" the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

What Will It Take to Let Them Hear?

It often takes <u>PERSECUTION</u> of the Church to spur <u>PROCLAMATION</u> of the Gospel to all peoples.

2. God Sovereignly Uses <u>SCATTERING</u> for Proclaiming!

Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. Acts 8:4

Scattered for the Sake of the Gospel

We are to be a "<u>MOVEMENT OF MISSIONARIES</u>" proclaiming the Gospel everywhere we go.

3. God Sovereignly Uses PROCLAIMING for Rejoicing!

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city. Acts 8:5-8

The Good News of the Gospel

Hearing and receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings GREAT JOY.

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1. God Sovereignly Uses SUFFERING for Scattering!

Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. Acts 8:1-3

God Rules Over Suffering:

▶ God makes persecution of the church <u>SERVE</u> the mission of the church.

> God turns adversaries of the church into <u>ADVOCATES</u> for the church.

What Will It Take for YOU to Let Them Hear?

Embrace your <u>PLACE</u> for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people around you.